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Mark Fortin changes the tires on his Honda CRV outside his North Vancouver home. His vehicle was one of more than 150 targeted in an overnight tire-slashing spree in North Vancouver.
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Tire slashers go on vandalism spree

Crime. More than 150 vehicles affected in North Vancouver

When Mark and Lorna Fortin stepped out of their North Shore townhome on Thursday morning, they were stunned to find their SUV's tires had been slashed.

Shock set in when they realized they weren't alone. Nearly every vehicle in the townhouse complex had been hit, with dozens of car tires slashed throughout the parking lot.

"We feel violated," Mark told Metro as he worked to replace two tires on his Honda CRV. "We've never had any kind of vandalism here since we've been here, and we've been here for almost four years."

The Fortins were just one of hundreds of victims of a massive vandalism spree that hit North Vancouver overnight.

Cpl. Richard De Jong of North Vancouver RCMP said more than 150 vehicles were affected.

He said police didn't yet have a final tally of how many vehicles were targeted since many victims were still filing reports throughout the day.

"I've never seen slashing of tires to this extent," he said. "We're still counting and still having people call in."

The majority of vehicles were targeted around Capilano University to the Park and Tilford shopping area, said De Jong.

Mounties canvassed the area Thursday searching for security footage in the hopes that it will help them identify suspects.

Investigators aren't sure if more than one person is responsible. But De Jong said the number of vehicles targeted suggests multiple people were involved.

Leslie Dickson, spokeswoman for the Insurance Corporation of B.C., said they had received more than 45 claims related to the incident by midday Thursday.

A vandalism claim costs about $1,000 in B.C., but Dickson said the cost could be higher depending on the vehicle and extent of damage.

Tires can range in price from $100 to $400 depending on the car and tire quality, but the industry-standard insurance deductible is $300, she said.

Victoria's Tony McCormick was staying at the Holiday Inn on Old Lillooet Road when he discovered all four of his Volvo's tires had been slashed, along with nearly every vehicle in the hotel parking lot.

In town on business and without a car, McCormick said he was forced to cancel his appointments Thursday.

"It just screws up your day," he said. "It's just senseless."

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Community rallies around man attacked at bus stop

Langley. Crowdfunding raises nearly $10,000 in four days after Chris LaFrenier was beaten and robbed of $700 needed to pay his rent

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A Langley man says he is overwhelmed by the community support he and his wife have received since he was brutally beaten at a bus stop last Friday night.

"It just amazes me. It's just, like, wow," Chris LaFrenier told Metro. "It's going to help immensely."

LaFrenier, who works as an ironworker, had missed the last bus home to Brookswood from the Logan Avenue bus exchange around midnight Friday. Still in his work clothes and carrying his tools, LaFrenier said he was trying to negotiate a fare with a taxi driver when two young men suddenly attacked him.

"I got hit in the back of the head, and that's all I really know," he said. "The last thing I remember was some lady yelling, 'I'm calling 911.'"

The pair reportedly punched and kicked LaFrenier to the ground, beating him until they broke his nose, chipped his teeth and bruised his ribs, then made off with his work gear and about $700 in cash. LaFrenier said he also suffered a brain hemorrhage and was bleeding from his ears when paramedics rushed him to hospital.

Cpl. Holly Marks of Langley RCMP confirmed two Langley teens, a 15-year-old and a 19-year-old identified as Matthew Samms, were arrested soon afterward on nearby Fraser Highway.

Both have been charged with robbery and assault causing bodily harm and are awaiting court appearances, she said.

Although police were able to recover his work gear, LaFrenier said the stolen cash, which was intended to cover December rent, was gone.

"I was already having issues with rent, so it was a horrible time for this to happen," he said.

Unable to go back to work, LaFrenier said he and his wife Lauren Blair feared they would be evicted when they couldn't pay rent. They also couldn't afford to buy groceries or feed their two dogs and two cats.

But on Monday, LaFrenier said he was stunned to learn that Lauren's mom, Lynn Blair, had set up a crowdfunding campaign to help them cover their expenses.

In just four days, the campaign has raised nearly $10,000.

"Me and my girl, we cried," said LaFrenier when asked how he reacted when he saw the campaign.

On Thursday, LaFrenier said he was feeling much better now that his face "doesn't look like a pumpkin anymore."

Although he had hoped to be back at work Monday, LaFrenier said he still has a concussion and suffers from severe dizzy spells.

He still has a long road to recovery, but LaFrenier and his wife said they are forever indebted to everyone who donated to the fundraising campaign.

Chris LaFrenier of Langley was brutally beaten, allegedly by two teens, at the Logan Avenue bus exchange on last Friday night. COURTESY LYNN BLAIR

Blair said she is especially grateful to the mystery woman who intervened and called police when her husband was being attacked.

"If she hadn't done that, I assume they would have just kept kicking him in the head and he'd probably be dead," Blair said.

The couple urged the Good Samaritan to contact them so they can thank her in person.

"I'd love to invite her for Christmas dinner or anything," said Blair. "I'd love for you to meet the man that you saved. I just want her to know that we thank her."

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Transit referendum question nearly finalized — will province approve?

Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation. Chair says question could be ready next week

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District of North Vancouver Mayor Richard Walton is confident the region's mayors can finalize a question for the referendum on public transit funding and expansion as early as Dec. 11.

But whether or not the provincial government will support a "yes" vote is another matter.

Walton and the rest of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation (which includes seven new faces after the Nov. 15 elections) meet Friday to resume work on the issue.

"Really, we haven't had an opportunity to talk about this for six weeks, as we've all been out campaigning for our jobs," said Walton, the council chair. "The minister is hoping I'll be able to provide him a letter as early as Dec. 11."

The provincial government hopes to hold a referendum on the region's transit needs, and how to pay for them, by June 30, 2015.

The mayors have collectively proposed a $7.5-billion regional transit plan, including a subway along Broadway in Vancouver, light rapid transit in Surrey and a region-wide expansion of bus service.

But with the mandated referendum, funding revenue sources for the plan — which could come in the form of a regional sales tax or vehicle levy — is contingent on voter support.

NDP critic George Heyman speaks to media outside the Broadway-City Hall Canada Line station in Vancouver on Thursday. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Transportation Minister Todd Stone has previously said the plan, as is, is "unaffordable" and requires tweaking.

On Thursday, NDP transportation critic George Heyman called on the provincial government to throw its support behind the mayors and secure a "yes" vote.

"Every day the population of Metro Vancouver grows and the increase in transit services does not keep up," Heyman said. "I am calling on (Stone) to assure the mayors who have met his demand that they produce a 10-year vision for transit services, that he will say 'yes' to the question that they submit to him and that he will work and campaign tirelessly for a yes vote."

Stone was unavailable for comment, but his ministry sent an email saying he looks forward to receiving the mayors' referendum question and "will do everything he can to set the referendum up for success."

The mayors will meet again Dec. 11, when they are expected to finalize the question, but Walton said it wasn't a "critical date."

However, having a question finalized by then would allow municipalities and the province to hit the ground running in 2015, Walton added.

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Judges cites abuse history in decision

Sex offender. Man was held at gunpoint by 10-year-old after sex abuse, court told

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A Maple Ridge sex offender was held at gunpoint by a 10-year-old who was sexually abused by the now 63-year-old man, a judge noted during a recent sentencing hearing.

The boy testified he was sexually abused in 1983 by Richard Elbertson Richardson while Richardson was babysitting the boy and his older brother.

The boy used Richardson's rifle and held the man at gunpoint in his Maple Ridge house until the boy's mother arrived to pick him up, the court was told.

Richardson was convicted last May of sexually abusing the young boy and his older brother, who was 15 at the time. The elder brother was plied with alcohol by Richardson when he stayed over — he testified Richardson climbed into bed with the boy and sexually assaulted him.

In the intervening years, Richardson was convicted of sexual assaults in Port Coquitlam in 2005, 2009, and 2011.

The court was told that the two brothers, now adults in their 40s, suffered in shame for years but the younger brother contacted police a few years ago after seeing a police notice about Richardson.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Bruce Greyell sentenced Richardson to three years in prison for his sex crimes involving the brothers.

The judge took into account the fact that Richardson had suffered a brain injury in a car accident when he was five years old, when he was placed in the Woodlands School in New Westminster, where Richardson was physically and sexually abused by staff and other "inmates."

The judge noted the brain injury left Richardson "a mentally handicapped person who is unable to control his sexual impulses because of a deeply ingrained pattern of sexual arousal which was the result of sexual abuse while at Woodlands."

Richardson received a cash settlement from the province as a consequence of the abuse at Woodlands, where Richardson lived until he was 17, the court was told.

The judge also imposed a three-year probation period on Richardson after he is released from prison.

The repeat sex offender plans to live in Abbotsford after his release, his lawyer said.

One of the release conditions ordered by the judge was for Richardson not to attend public parks, school grounds, swimming pools, playgrounds and other places where persons aged 16 years or younger are present except in the presence of an adult who is approved in advance by a probation officer.

The judge warned Richardson, who previously breached his probation conditions, to abide by his conditions or he will find himself back in court, facing further jail time.

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B.C. Supreme Court Justice Bruce Greyell said in his decision

Artist adds final touches

Artist Tom Carruthers puts the final touches on his public art installation "Make It Rain" at the corner of Water and Cambie streets in Gastown on Thursday. The 27-foot-tall tower covered in reflective material was installed Monday while the 37-year-old clock undergoes repairs. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Jubilee Park. B.C. lawyer ready to fight camping ban

The lawyer representing a group of homeless people in Abbotsford will be in court Friday, arguing that the city's injunction against camping at Jubilee Park be lifted.

The court granted the injunction, preventing the group from setting up camp at the park, last December but Pivot Legal Society lawyer DJ Larkin says conditions faced by the homeless there have only gotten worse in the past year and a constitutional challenge against the city's bylaws keep getting delayed.

Now the challenge will not be heard until June 29, 2015.

"We were hoping to have (the challenge) done by the end of 2014," said Larkin. "The injunction remains in place, there's no end date. People can't sleep overnight at the park or set up structures but are still living in the streets."

Since being evicted from the park, Larkin says the city's more than 170 homeless people have been scattered, with many living in tents precariously close to traffic on Gladys Avenue.

Shelter beds and housing options in the city have been inadequate, she said.

Larkin hopes pointing out the delay in court proceedings and lack of progress placing campers into housing is enough to convince the judge to vacate the injunction.

Metro attempted to reach the City of Abbotsford and its new mayor, Henry Braun, for comment, but was told he could not comment on a case before the courts.

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CBSA too secretive: Civil liberties group

Oversight needed.
CBSA under scrutiny after documents reveal suicide cover-up

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The B.C. Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA) is renewing its call for independent oversight of the Canadian Border Services Agency in the wake of documents that expose how far the agency went to hide the suicide of a woman in its custody.

BCCLA executive director Josh Paterson renewed his call after a series of CBSA emails published by the Vancouver Sun on Thursday showed the agency deliberately worked to withhold information from reporters after Lucía Vega Jiménez died by suicide in a Vancouver airport holding cell in December 2013.

"It was shocking. It was flabbergasting to see the extent to which the CBSA tried to keep the news of her suicide from the public," Paterson said. "We cannot imagine any possible way in which this evasion is in the public interest."

The emails reveal that communications staffers were told to provide as little information as possible and that statements had to be approved by Ottawa. They were told to cite "privacy lines," and one official expressed concern that answering specific questions might lead to more questions.

This adds to the "already towering case" that the CBSA needs independent oversight, Paterson said.

The RCMP and other law-enforcement agencies have such oversight, he added, and a coroner's inquest into Jiménez's death concluded that oversight was appropriate.

The BCCLA and other groups have been calling for oversight for years. Ultimately, it's up to the federal government to decide whether to implement the recommendation.

Lucía Vega Jiménez killed herself while in CBSA detention in 2013.
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Kamloops. Charges laid in shooting of Mountie

Four charges, including attempted murder, have been laid against a 36-year-old man accused of shooting a Mountie during a traffic stop in Kamloops.

The province's Criminal Justice Branch announced Thursday that Kenneth Knutson faces charges of attempted murder using a firearm, aggravated assault of a peace officer, possession of a firearm while prohibited and discharging a firearm with intent to wound.

Knutson has a history with police and the courts, including a conviction in 2009 after being caught by police wearing body armour and with a loaded-and-cocked restricted weapon in his possession.

The latest allegations against Knutson stem from the Wednesday-morning shooting of Cpl. Jean Michaud, who stopped a vehicle in a Kamloops neighbourhood. An officer in a backup vehicle exchanged gunfire with the suspect, injuring his arm, police said.

Knutson was arrested about 12 hours later by an emergency-response team after an intense manhunt by police.

RCMP Cpl. Cheryl Bush said three female individuals were also arrested during the investigation, one of whom was taken into custody on unrelated outstanding warrants.

Bush couldn't say what charges the female individuals might face or how they were connected to the investigation.

"Cpl. Michaud remains in critical but stable condition in intensive care and is expected to undergo further surgery," she said. "The incredible amount of support being offered to Kamloops RCMP and Cpl. Michaud's family is both overwhelming and heartwarming."

Police have said the 40-year-old Michaud was shot by someone who sped off in a vehicle.

Investigators have seized the vehicle that was allegedly involved in the traffic stop from a residence associated with the suspect, and it will now undergo forensic examination, Bush told reporters.

B.C.'s police watchdog said it was contacted after the arrest because of the injury to the suspect's arm but later said it would not investigate the injury.

Kelly Kilpatrick of the Independent Investigations Office said staff have confirmed that the extent of the suspect's injury did not cause serious harm, so the agency will not investigate the matter any further.

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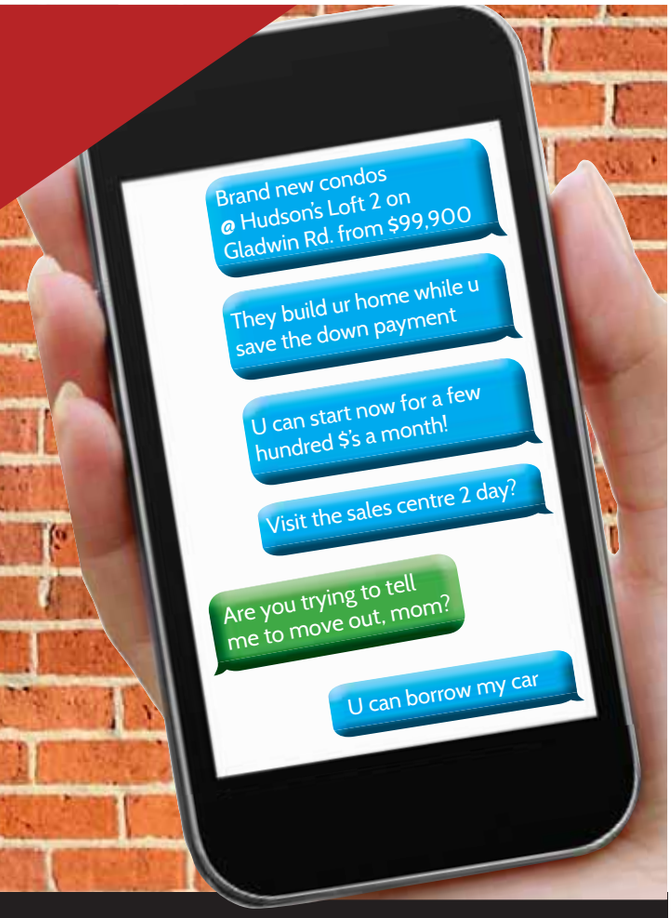
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New rules may not save local ESL classes

Grants boosted. Cash will not be enough to run all programs in B.C.

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An increase in the grant money available to adult students trying to upgrade their English might not be enough to save higher-level ESL courses at post-secondary institutions across B.C.

As of Jan. 1, the province will stop funding free upgrade courses for adults with high-school diplomas and will instead increase the adult upgrading grants fund by one third to $7.6 million, the Ministry of Education announced Thursday.

Post-secondary institutions will also be allowed to charge tuition if they want to hold advanced ESL courses, often needed by skilled immigrants such as engineers and doctors to apply for jobs they were trained for in their home countries.

But the grants will not be enough to cover tuition needed to run all the ESL programs across the province.

Vancouver Community College (VCC) alone needs nearly $8 million to operate its advanced ESL classes for 2,300 students, said Karen Shortt of the VCC faculty association.

The province stepped in with $7.92 million to keep the classes running this year after the feds cancelled their funding, but that was a one-time offer.

Tuition would have to be about $3,400 per student to keep the program running at the same level of funding. In its absence, dozens of jobs will be lost, and students will not be able to access some courses.

It's not clear if VCC will try to save some of the classes by charging tuition, although representatives from the college planned to meet with the ministry on Thursday afternoon.

Students protest ESL cuts at Vancouver Community College in June. EMILY JACKSON/METRO FILE

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B.C. Province says action taken on 75% of missing women recommendations

British Columbia's government says it has taken action on 75 per cent of the recommendations made two years ago after a public inquiry into the Robert Pickton serial killings.

Attorney General Suzanne Anton says the actions are helping vulnerable women and include expanding cellphone service along the so-called Highway of Tears, a remote stretch of northern road.

Anton says the government has also passed legislation that helps police find missing people sooner, and some of the children of missing and murdered women have already received $50,000 compensation payments.

Pickton was convicted in 2007 of the second-degree murders of six women and was sentenced to life in prison, although he admitted to killing 49 women, and the DNA or remains of 33 were found on his farm.

A commission of inquiry into the Pickton case made 63 recommendations in December 2012, including funding a 24-hour centre in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside for sex workers and starting a transportation service along the Highway of Tears.

Attorney General Anton says British Columbia is a safer place for women compared to when Robert Pickton was prowling Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

Anton said the actions taken by the government since the report are protecting women.

At least 17 women, many of them aboriginal, have vanished or been murdered in the area along Highway 16 and the adjacent Highways 97 and 5 since the 1970s.

Most cases remain unsolved. First Nations leaders released a report recommending a shuttle bus along the highway.

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Tests confirm H5N2 avian flu at 2 farms

High-pathogen strain. Two additional farms have also been infected

The virus at the centre of an avian influenza outbreak in British Columbia's Fraser Valley is the H5N2 strain, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said Thursday — the same variety behind at least three previous outbreaks at Canadian farms.

Test results indicate poultry at a turkey farm and a chicken farm in B.C.'s Fraser Valley, where thousands of birds have already died, were infected with a high-pathogen, or high-path, strain of H5N2. Previous H5N2 outbreaks in Canada were low path.

Birds at two additional farms that were later placed under quarantine as a precaution have also been infected with H5 avian flu, the agency said, though tests had yet to confirm the subtype and the pathogenicity at those sites.

Dr. Harpreet Kochhar, Canada's chief veterinary officer, said federal and provincial government agencies will be looking for any sign the virus has moved beyond those four farms.

"Our epidemiological investigation, and the symptoms that come up if there are any, will be reflective of whether there is a disease spread or if we've contained it," Kochhar said during a conference call with reporters.

"Our general surveillance has not revealed that there are any other farms with similar symptoms."

Kochhar said it's still not clear how the birds at the first two farms were infected. All of the birds at the four infected farms that are still alive will be euthanized.

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A quarantined poultry farm in Chilliwack.
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Rare virus. Young Kamloops football player paralyzed from neck down

Within six days, Evan Mutrie went from being a football player for the Kamloops Broncos to being on life support, paralyzed from the neck down after contracting a rare virus.

Mutrie, 20, has an obscure, paralytic form of Enterovirus D68 but scientific data on the strain is limited, leaving doctors with many questions about his prognosis.

The defensive back was in full gear, ready to play against the Langley Rams in B.C. Football Conference action on Aug. 31.

Before the game, he noticed a sensation in his right hand. He couldn't clench his fist, and was sidelined.

The next day, his father, Peter Mutrie, received an alarming call from his son, who couldn't move his right arm.

Mutrie was admitted to hospital and was on life support five days later, paralyzed from the neck down, breathing with the help of a machine.

"We've got a young guy who was a vibrant, physical, go-for-it kind of guy," his father said. "Now, he expressed to me, like, `Who am I? This is not who I am.'"

"He doesn't even know how to see himself today, next month or next year."

Mutrie no longer has the virus, but the damage has been done, with inflammation in the spinal-cord and neck area having led to paralysis.

Full recovery is not out of the question, though neither is quadriplegia.

Doctors don't know how he contracted the virus.

"He had his 20th birthday just the other day," said Peter Mutrie, who dropped out of the race for the local federal Liberal nomination in September to care for his son.

"We're all still reeling from it," said Duncan Olthuis, who coached the Broncos last season.

"It's tough to wrap your head around what happened."

There has been an outpouring of support for the Mutrie family, as the community has rallied together to raise more than $12,000 in 14 days.

A fundraising dinner will be held in Kamloops on Dec. 14. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pipeline protests

Policing costs not Kinder Morgan's responsibility: President

The president of Kinder Morgan says his company isn't responsible for the policing bill related to pipeline protests at a Metro Vancouver conservation site.

Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan has suggested the energy giant help pay for police who spent over a week blocking demonstrators from Kinder Morgan's surveying site on Burnaby Mountain.

But Kinder Morgan Canada president Ian Anderson said during a townhall via telephone on Wednesday night that policing costs are a municipal responsibility "and that is what we all pay our taxes for."

The company was granted a court injunction last month ordering the protesters away from the survey site so its crews could do work for the proposed Trans Mountain pipeline expansion, but dozens defied the court order and were arrested. While the cost of the police operation hasn't been confirmed, Corrigan previously suggested the National Energy Board and Kinder Morgan should help pay the bill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Animal-rights activists hope to put this stark message on a Hamilton billboard after a devout Christian woman admitted to keeping her husband's corpse for months while waiting for his resurrection. CONTRIBUTED

Billboard a 'rotten idea' from PETA

Extreme messaging. Billboard planned for Hamilton area compares dead man's corpse to animal meat

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
Metro in Toronto

Animal-rights activists with PETA are hoping to plaster a stark message on a Hamilton billboard, days after a devout Christian woman admitted to keeping her husband's corpse in a bedroom for months, waiting for his resurrection.

"We hope that anyone, if they've been shocked by the decision to keep a body in their home, will stop and consider what they are keeping in their own kitchens and refrigerator," PETA spokesman Dan Carron said.

"We're hoping that the billboard is going to help make something good come out of a very sad story."

That's unlikely, said York University marketing professor Alan Middleton. Middleton said extreme messaging is a hallmark of PETA advertising and often only mobilizes the group's hardcore supporters.

In 2003, PETA ran an ad campaign comparing the treatment of Jews in the Holocaust to the treatment of animals on factory farms.

Meanwhile, PETA said it's in "negotiations" with five companies to run the new ad.

Benefit

"We're hoping that the billboard is going to ... make something good come out of a very sad story." PETA spokesman Dan Carron

Four of those companies, however, either don't have billboards in the Hamilton area or didn't know about the request when contacted by Metro.

Randy Otto, president of Pattison Outdoor, one of the companies PETA said it has contacted, was unaware of the proposal. He wouldn't comment on whether his company would run that kind of ad but said Pattison is a member of Ad Standards Canada and abides by their rules.

Ad Standards Canada administers a national advertising code of conduct, which in part prohibits ads that undermine human dignity.

Earlier this week, Hamilton's Kaling Wald pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to notify police that her husband's corpse was in their home.

Peter Wald had diabetes and died about six months ago after his left foot became infected. He had refused to go to hospital, believing instead that God would cure him, according to court records.

"His wife is a devout Christian and her faith tainted and warped her better judgment," assistant Crown attorney Janet Booy said this week.

Ottawa. Local music replaces Muzak on hold

People who have endured elevator Muzak while waiting on the City of Ottawa phone lines will soon get a musical break.

The city launched its #ottmusik campaign on Thursday — asking for Ottawa musicians to submit music samples the city will play over the phone while callers are on hold.

So those waiting to pay for a parking ticket might hear the Acorn or the Hilotrons, rather than cheesy Kenny G-esque saxophone music.

"Why not listen to Ottawa music on the Ottawa phone line instead of some canned music from Las Vegas?" said Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson.

Watson said that the city lines can be clogged with up to 400 calls if there's a snowstorm and people want their roads plowed.

While this initiative may not produce record album sales for local musicians, Watson said it could give those artists a little boost.

If a caller likes what she hears while on hold, she can check out the city's website and find out who the band is.

Ottawa musician Rolf Klausener called it a "very simple, but meaningful initiative."

"It would be much, much easier and probably cheaper to just put Muzak on," he said.

"But for a little bit more cost, you can engage the local music scene, which is really strong in the city."

Ottawa musician Rolf Klausener plays during the launch of the city's #ottmusik project on Thursday. Ottawa is asking local musicians to submit samples to play over the city's phone lines. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO IN OTTAWA

Anyone from the capital region can send song samples though the Ottawa city website and a committee of professional musicians will narrow it down to 20 songs to recommend for the phone systems.

So tune those guitars. Musicians have until Jan. 12 to apply.

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Bill 3. Contentious pension legislation passed in Que.

Quebec's largest labour group has promised to mount a legal challenge against pension legislation that breezed through the national assembly Thursday.

Bill 3 provides for a 50-50 split between municipalities and unionized workers on pension contributions and deficits.

Amendments sought by the Parti Québécois and agreed to by the Liberals open the door to workers paying between 45 and 50 per cent, with municipalities paying between 50 and 55 per cent.

If the two sides can't reach an agreement, the 50-50 scenario will apply. The government says the legislation was necessary to help municipalities grappling with pension deficits that, across the province, could total as much as $3.9 billion.

The Quebec Federation of Labour said it is considering a legal fight, arguing the law is unconstitutional.

"Not only has the Liberal government of Philippe Couillard remained insensitive to the demands of workers and retirees in the municipal sector, but he also refuses to make public the status of pension deficits, as if he wanted to hide the truth from the people," said Serge Cadieux, secretary-general of the labour group. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"We are comfortable with the idea that this bill meets all the requirements to successfully withstand any court challenges."

Municipal Affairs Minister Pierre Moreau

Winnipegger gets a taste of glory ... and beer

Winnipeg's Corey Gallagher holds his winnings at the Flotrack Beer Mile World Championships in Austin, Texas, Wednesday. Gallagher won the race, in which competitors run a mile after chugging several beers beforehand — and while chugging several more during the race. HANDOUT/JOSH BAKER FOR FLOCASTS

Workplace. Three in 10 Canadians face sexual harassment at work: Poll

Three in 10 Canadians say they have been on the receiving end of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favours, or sexually charged talk while on the job or at an office function — but the vast majority prefer to deal with it on their own rather than report it to an employer, says a new Angus Reid poll.

And for approximately one million workers (mostly women) in Canada, the experiences are recent — within the last 24 months — despite the current climate of heightened awareness amid the explosive, ongoing allegations against former CBC radio host Jian Ghomeshi and TV legend Bill Cosby, the survey found.

Fourteen per cent of those harassed also told the Angus Reid Institute that the experience was much more intense than innuendo or talk, ranging from sexual touching to more serious unwanted sexual contact over their working lives.

While both genders of employees say they have experienced sexual harassment, "women are — unsurprisingly — four times as likely to have been harassed as men," says the study, released Friday.

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'60s scoop

Lawyer, plaintiffs ask government to acknowledge loss of cultural identity

The federal government needs to admit thousands of aboriginal children were robbed of their identities during the so-called '60s scoop, and stop fighting against a class-action suit seeking damages, the lead plaintiff and her lawyer said Thursday. Their comments follow a Divisional Court ruling dismissing Ottawa's attempt to have the $1.3-billion class action thrown out. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Effort against ISIL

No civilian deaths in Canadian airstrikes: Military

The Canadian military is confident that no civilians have been killed to date as a result of its airstrikes against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), a spokesman said Thursday. That assurance came as the country's joint operations command revealed details of two additional bombing missions on Nov. 28 and Nov. 30. Canada has 69 special forces troops advising Kurdish fighters in northern Iraq. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bill S-7 under fire

Zero Tolerance for Barbaric Cultural Practices Act. Bill seeks to keep polygamists out of the country and prevent forced marriages

The need for — and even the name of — a new Conservative bill aimed at barring polygamous and forced marriages came under fire Thursday in the Senate.

Bill S-7, entitled the "Zero Tolerance for Barbaric Cultural Practices Act," amends immigration and criminal laws with the aim of keeping polygamists out of Canada and preventing women and girls from being married against their will.

"We wish we could say in the Canada of 2014 that these were no longer challenges for us domestically," Immigration Minister Chris Alexander told the Senate human rights committee.

"But as we know from communities across the country and from the daily fact of violence against women, there remain challenges and we remain duty-bound to act against them."

Conservative Sen. Raynell Andreychuk raised concerns, however, that the government's stated goal of combating violence risks being overshadowed by the bill's dramatic title.

However, Alexander defended the name. The fact it has already generated debate means it's already doing its job, he argued.

"What is a barbaric practice? It is a practice that is unacceptable; it is a practice that involves violence that is in many respects indiscriminate, gratuitously meted out, behind closed doors, where women and girls are defenceless, whereby whole families conspire to ensure underage women lie about their age, take part in a forced marriage," he said.

Andreychuk later said if the government does believe violence against women is addressed by the title of the bill, she is satisfied with it.

The new law would deny entry to Canada to those seeking to practise polygamy, which is illegal in this country.

It would also require "free and enlightened consent to marriage" and sets a federal minimum age for marriage at 16; a threshold that wasn't already enshrined in law.

It also makes it an offence for anyone younger than that to be taken out of Canada to be married elsewhere.

That's a direct reference to the polygamous community of Bountiful, B.C., where it's long been believed that teenage girls are shuttled back and forth to the U.S. for marriage.

Four members of that community are currently facing charges in relation to that practice under existing Canadian laws, but past attempts to obtain a polygamy conviction in Bountiful have failed.

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Title an issue

"In that title, if you wanted 'barbaric cultural practices' — which probably wasn't going to be my choice — but if you wanted that, I wished you had added something like 'violence' in there."

Conservative Sen. Raynell Andreychuk, talking about the title of Bill S-7.

Harper in no rush to fill vacant Senate seats

Prime Minister Stephen Harper
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he's in no hurry to fill vacancies in the Senate.

Harper said he's not hearing much popular support for naming new members to the upper chamber, where 16 of the 105 seats remain empty — and the Conservatives still hold a healthy majority.

"I don't think I'm getting a lot of calls from Canadians to name more senators right about now," Harper said Thursday.

Harper's enthusiasm for the Senate — more specifically, reforming or abolishing it — was also fettered in April when the Supreme Court of Canada made it clear that Senate reform would require substantial provincial blessing.

His latest comments were prompted by concerns raised by newly appointed Senate Speaker Pierre Claude Nolin, who said he believes the shortage of senators is affecting the chamber's productivity.

"Is it affecting the proper functioning of the institution? Yes, I think it is," said Nolin.

From the government's standpoint, the sole purpose of the Senate is to pass legislation — a role Harper said it's able to carry out just fine.

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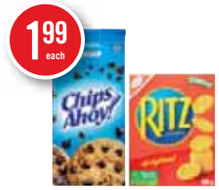

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Brothers jailed for cyberbullying girl

Impact 'devastating'. Two 17-year-olds harassed girl, 14, demanding sexually explicit images

Two Manitoba brothers have been sentenced to 16 months in jail after what a judge called a "relentless attack" of cyberbullying and sexual exploitation designed to "exploit, demean and humiliate" a 14-year-old girl.

Judge Donald Slough said a friend of the brothers met the girl on Facebook a year ago. In his written sentence released Thursday, Slough said the man told the victim to send him nude pictures or "he would do something to her."

When she sent him a picture of her exposed breasts, the man demanded she send more explicit pictures or he would send her nude picture to everyone in the community, Slough said. She complied.

The brothers, who were 17 at the time and cannot be named, found out about the pictures and started harassing the victim, Slough said.

"The communication was intense and relentless, occurring both day and night," the judge wrote. "The accused, acting in tandem, alternatively flattered and abused the victim, demanding progressively more explicit images; instructing the victim as to what sexual acts she was to perform and digitally record."

The brothers distributed the photos through social media, Slough said.

The brothers were arrested in May and pleaded guilty to four charges including sexual touching and possession and distribution of child pornography.

Slough said the impact on the 14-year-old has been "devastating and long-lasting." The girl went "from being happy to being deeply troubled."

Experts say this kind of "sextortion" is becoming more common. The Canadian Centre for Child Protection recently warned it is seeing an alarming increase in the number of teens who are sharing sexual images of themselves and then being extorted, sometimes for money. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Sextortion'

Ten months later, the victim still has extreme anxiety, the judge wrote.

- **The brothers distributed photos of the girl through social media**
- **Her parents went to police after noticing a change in her behaviour.**

25 years after Montreal massacre

Students walk through a hall at Parkdale Collegiate Institute in Toronto holding a photo of one of 14 women killed in the mass shooting at École Polytechnique on Dec. 6, 1989, as part of a vigil held Thursday to mark the 25th anniversary of the massacre. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dismemberment

Evidence wraps up in Magnotta trial

Evidence wrapped up at Luka Rocco Magnotta's 10-week murder trial on Thursday, with jurors expected to begin their deliberations by the end of next week.

The case was adjourned until Wednesday, when the defence and Crown will likely deliver their closing arguments.

Quebec Superior Court Justice Guy Cournoyer told jurors he believes the case will be in their hands as of Dec. 12.

Magnotta has pleaded not guilty to premeditated murder and four other charges related to the slaying and dismemberment of Jun Lin, 33, in May 2012.

His lawyer has argued he should be found not guilty because of a mental disorder. The Crown argues the crime was planned and deliberate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Filipino villagers flee as typhoon nears region devastated last year

Typhoon Hagupit. Might make landfall in Eastern Samar province on Saturday

Villagers in the central Philippines fled coastal homes and triggered panic-buying in grocery stores and gas stations as a fast-approaching powerful storm brought back nightmares of last year's deadly onslaught by Typhoon Haiyan.

Typhoon Hagupit — Filipino for "smash" — was packing sustained winds of 205 kilometres per hour and gusts of up to 240 km/h over the Pacific, about 700 kilometres off the country's eastern coast. Forecasts show it may hit Eastern Samar province on Saturday and barrel inland along the same route where Haiyan levelled villages and left more than 7,300 dead and missing in November last year.

Residents of Leyte province, Philippines, evacuate to safer ground on Thursday. PAUL CINCO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Haiyan survivor Emily Sagales said many of her still-edgy neighbours in central Tacloban city, which was ravaged by Haiyan, packed their clothes and fled to a sports stadium and the safer homes of relatives. Long lines formed at grocery stores and gas stations as residents stocked up on basic goods, she said.

"The trauma has returned," the 23-year-old Sagales said. In the wake of last year's typhoon — which killed her mother-in-law and washed away her home — she gave birth to her first child, a girl, in a crowded makeshift clinic filled with the injured and dying near the Tacloban airport.

"It's worse now because I didn't have a baby to worry about last year," she said.

"The sun is still shining, but people are obviously scared. Almost all of our rooms have been booked," said Roan Florendo of the Leyte Park hotel, near San Pedro Bay in Tacloban. The military was put on alert, evacuation centres were opened and food, medicine and body bags were sent out.

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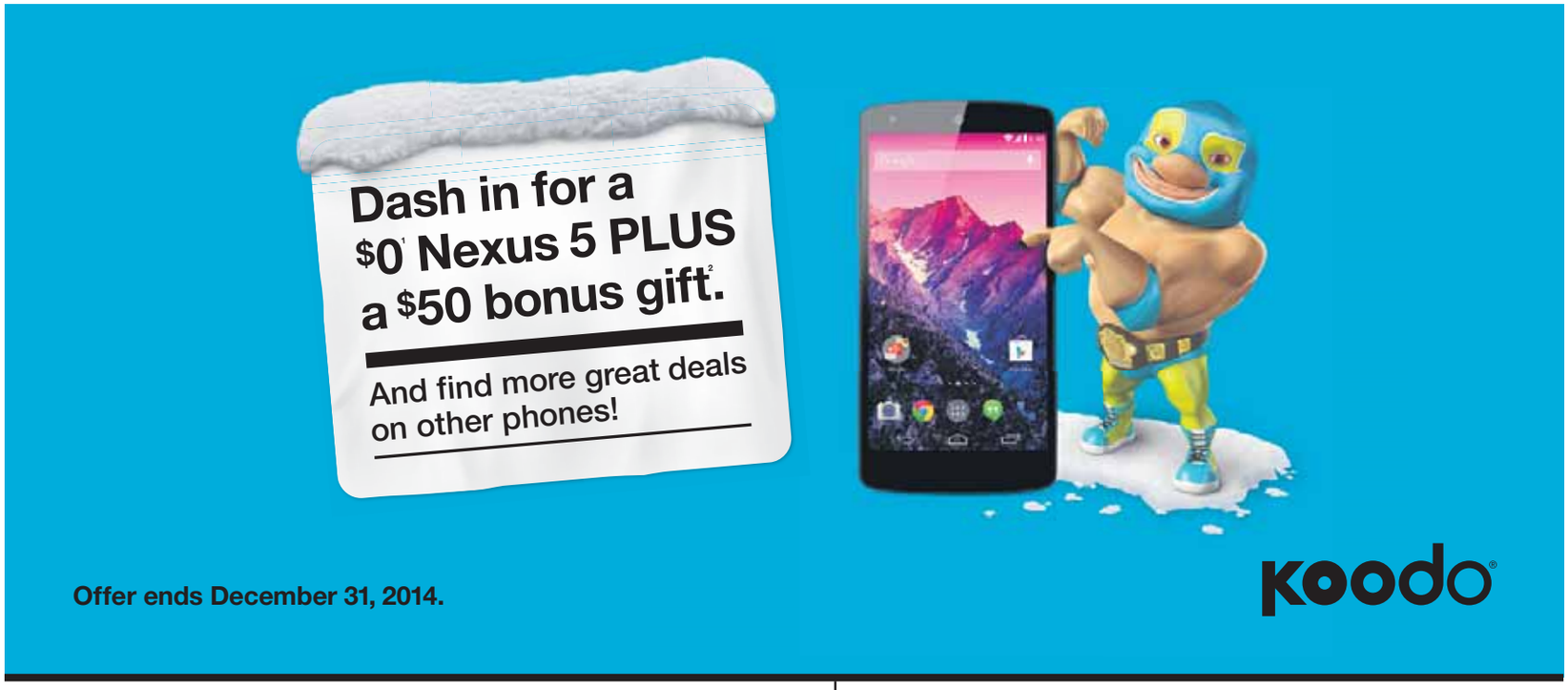
Second time around?

Haiyan demolished about a million houses and displaced about four million people in the central Philippines. Hundreds of residents still living in tents in Tacloban have been prioritized in an ongoing evacuation.

- Hotels in Tacloban, a city of more than 200,000 people still struggling to recover from last year's massive damage, were running out of rooms as wealthier families booked ahead for the weekend.
- Cabinet secretary Mario Montejo said Thursday it was almost certain the typhoon would slam into the eastern coast.



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Chimp not entitled to human freedoms

Animal rights. Appeals court affirms that chimpanzees do not deserve basic rights such as freedom from imprisonment

A chimpanzee is not entitled to the rights of a human and does not have to be freed by its owner, a New York appeals court ruled Thursday.

The three-judge Appellate Division panel was unanimous in denying legal personhood to Tommy, who lives alone in a cage.

A trial-level court had previously denied the Nonhuman Rights Project's effort to have Tommy released. The group's lawyer, Steven Wise, told the appeals court in October that the chimp's living conditions are akin to a person in unlawful solitary confinement.

Wise argued that animals with human qualities, such as chimps, deserve basic rights, including freedom from imprisonment. He has also sought the release of three other chimps in New York and said he plans similar cases in other states.

But the mid-level appeals court said there is no precedent for treating animals as persons and no legal basis.

"So far as legal theory is concerned, a person is any being whom the law regards as capable of rights and duties," the judges wrote. "Needless to say, unlike human beings, chimpanzees cannot bear any legal duties, submit to societal responsibilities or be held legally accountable for their actions."

That, they ruled, makes it "inappropriate" to grant the rights of a human to the animal.

The Nonhuman Rights Project said it will appeal to the state's top court, citing other New York appeals-court rulings it says are at odds with Thursday's decision.

Tommy's owner, Patrick Lavery, said Thursday he was pleased and expected the ruling.

Tommy, believed to be about 40 years old, is a former entertainment chimp who was placed with Lavery about 10 years ago. Lavery said Tommy is cared for under strict state and federal licence rules.

The court noted there have been no claims that Tommy has been mistreated or any of those rules have been violated.

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From the decision, written by a three-judge appeal-court panel

Prisoners honour Mandela

Ahead of the first anniversary of Nelson Mandela's death, inmates at the Zonderwater prison east of Pretoria, South Africa, have been making brightly coloured blankets to commemorate the anti-apartheid leader who became the country's first black president. The prisoners have crocheted the blankets as part of a charity project for poor communities. THEMBA HADEBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Miracle'

Toddler recovers in Polish hospital

A Polish toddler found unconscious in sub-freezing temperatures hugged a teddy bear and called for his parents after only four days of treatment, his mother said Thursday, while his doctor described the boy's recovery as "a miracle."

Adam, 2, spent an unknown number of hours outdoors in southern Poland. His body temperature was only 12.7 C, and his heart was beating extremely slowly. He is recovering and breathing on his own.

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Yolanda Gutierrez, a two-year resident of a homeless encampment known as the Jungle, holds a sign in protest in San Jose, Calif., on Thursday. Police and social workers on Thursday began clearing away one of the nation's largest homeless encampments that once housed more than 200 people in the heart of California's wealthy Silicon Valley.
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Police dismantle homeless camps

California. Despite a Monday notice stating they had to leave by Thursday, about 60 people were left yesterday morning

Police and social workers on Thursday began clearing away one of the largest U.S. homeless encampments, a cluster of flimsy tents and plywood shelters that once housed more than 200 people in the heart of California's wealthy Silicon Valley.

Authorities have been trying for years to resolve problems at the camp known as the Jungle, including violence and unsanitary conditions.

On Monday, people living in the camp were given until Thursday to leave or face arrest for trespassing. By Thursday morning, about 60 people were left at the site.

Nancy Ortega sobbed as she watched tractors load garbage into trash trucks.

Then a passing motorist shouted at those who had just been evicted.

"People drive by and look at us like we're circus animals," she said.

With the camp cleared, officials planned to try to find shelter for the night for people connected with social services, although anyone not linked to a program still had to leave.

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Lawsuit over toilet breaks

Work. Woman alleges pregnancy and gender discrimination after being told she was taking too many bathroom breaks

An Oregon woman is suing her former high-tech employer for more than $400,000 US, contending she was fired while pregnant with her second child after being told she took too many restroom breaks.

The suit filed in circuit court says Dawn Steckmann and other employees were never told they needed to clock out before using the restroom at Maxim Integrated Products, The Oregonian reported. The company makes wafers for wireless devices at its plant in the Portland suburb of Beaverton.

Maxim lawyer Melissa Healy declined comment, citing the pending litigation.

The lawsuit alleges pregnancy and gender discrimination.

It says when Steckmann was pregnant with her first child in 2011, she asked a supervisor whether she should go off the clock because she was urinating more frequently, and was told that wasn't necessary.

During her second pregnancy in 2013, restroom visits were more frequent because of a bladder condition caused by her first pregnancy, and "she would not even have had time to clock out to use the restroom without an accident," the suit says.

In June 2013, Steckmann was called to a meeting with her supervisor and a human resources manager who asked why she was not clocking out for restroom breaks. Her supervisor claimed he had told Steckmann she needed to clock out.

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Second Cup perks up store

Alix Box, president and CEO of Second Cup, sits at the "slow bar" at a redesigned Second Cup coffee outlet in Toronto on Thursday. The Second Cup Ltd. has unveiled a new-format store at King and John Streets that includes a redesigned circular slow bar where patrons can plug in their personal electronics while they sit and watch servers work an array of high-end brewing machines. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Civil rights leaders decry Garner decision

Chokehold death of Eric Garner. Second non-indictment of a white police officer prompts civil rights groups to march on Washington

A demonstrator holds up a sign as he lays in the street with others protesting the deaths of two unarmed black men at the hands of white police officers during a march through Pittsburgh on Thursday. KEITH SRAKOCIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Civil rights leaders Thursday decried the grand jury decision not to charge a white police officer in the chokehold death of a black man and announced plans for a march and a summit on racial justice in Washington later this month.

National Urban League President Marc Morial said the lack of an indictment in the death of Eric Garner was "a travesty of justice."

The decision Wednesday not to bring charges against Officer Daniel Pantaleo triggered protests around the country and sent thousands into New York's streets, where they marched, chanted and blocked traffic. Police said 83 people were arrested, mostly on disorderly conduct charges.

Pataleo's lawyer and police union officials argued that the grand jury got it right, saying that the officer used an authorized takedown move — not a banned chokehold — against a man who was resisting arrest. And they said Garner's poor health was the main cause of his death.

About 20 civil rights leaders met behind closed doors Thursday at the Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network headquarters. Sharpton said a civil rights summit will be held following a Dec. 13 march in Washington. He said the topics will include education and boycotts.

The Garner case — combined with the decision by a grand jury last week not to charge the white officer who shot and killed unarmed black 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. — stirred a national conversation about race, police training and the grand jury process.

Garner, 43, died after a scuffle broke out July 17 as officers tried to arrest him for selling untaxed cigarettes on the street. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yemen

Branch of al-Qaida threatens U.S. over hostage

Al-Qaida in Yemen released a video Thursday, after an American hostage was the target of a rescue attempt by U.S. special forces last month, warning Washington not to try again, and giving it three days to meet unspecified demands.

"My life is in danger," photojournalist Luke Somers says in the footage.

It was the first word from the 33-year-old since he was snatched from the streets of Sanaa more than a year ago.

A statement by Pentagon press secretary Rear Admiral John Kirby acknowledged for the first time Thursday that a raid last month had sought to rescue Somers but that he turned out not to be at the site. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

20 dead. Chechnya's capital city attacked

Police waged hours-long gunbattles with Islamic militants who attacked Chechnya's capital Thursday, leaving at least 20 people dead and underscoring Russia's vulnerability just as President Vladimir Putin used patriotic and religious imagery in his state-of-the-nation address to defend his standoff with the West.

The clashes in Grozny, the city's biggest in years, dented a carefully nurtured image of stability created by Chechnya's Kremlin-backed strongman after two separatist conflicts. The new violence raised fears of more attacks in Chechnya and widening unrest in the rest of Russia's volatile North Caucasus region.

The Kavkaz Centre website, a mouthpiece for Islamic militant groups operating in the North Caucasus, carried a link to a video by an individual claiming responsibility for the attack. The man in the video said he was operating on orders from Emir Khamzat, reportedly a nom de guerre of Chechen warlord Aslan Byutukayev. The claim could not immediately be verified. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Details

The insurgents in Chechnya and other Caucasus regions want to create an independent state governed by their strict interpretation of Islamic law. Some Caucasus militants have travelled to Syria and Iraq to join up with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. ISIL has vowed to launch attacks in Russia, but there have been no indications to date that it has followed through.

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Cosby seeks dismissal of suit by woman claiming underage abuse

A woman suing Bill Cosby for sexual battery attempted to sell a story about the comedian to a tabloid a decade ago and tried to extort money in exchange for her silence, Cosby's attorney said in a court filing Thursday.

Attorney Martin Singer wrote in the filing that the lawsuit by Judy Huth and her attorney followed a failed attempt to extort $250,000 from Cosby. In the filing, Cosby seeks monetary damages from Huth and her attorney.

The filing comes two days after Huth sued, claiming the comedian forced her to perform a sex act in 1974 when she was 15. The incident occurred in a bedroom of the Playboy Mansion after Cosby gave Huth and a 16-year-old friend alcohol, according to her lawsuit.

Her lawsuit stated she discovered only recently that she had suffered psychological damage as a result of the incident, which under California law allows the filing of the case.

The filings state that Singer and Huth's attorney, Marc S. Strecker, had several conversations about the allegations in the weeks before the lawsuit was filed. Strecker first demanded $100,000, then raised the demand to $250,000 in order to keep from filing a lawsuit on Huth's behalf, Singer wrote.

In recent weeks, more than a dozen women have alleged that Cosby drugged them and sexually assaulted them.

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South Carolina ex-cop who killed unarmed man charged with murder

A white man who was the police chief in a small South Carolina town was charged with murder Wednesday in the shooting death of an unarmed black man nearly four years ago.

Richard Combs worked in Eutawville — population 300 and one-third of that black — when Bernard Bailey came to Town Hall to argue about his daughter's broken-taillight ticket in May 2011. Combs tried to arrest Bailey on an obstruction of justice charge, prosecutors said. Bailey marched back outside to his truck, and Combs tried to get inside. The two briefly fought, and then the police chief shot Bailey, 54, twice in the chest in his pickup.

Combs said at an earlier hearing that he was tangled in Bailey's steering wheel as he tried to shut off the ignition and feared for his life if Bailey drove away.

But prosecutors said Combs was the aggressor, following Bailey as he tried to get away.

State investigators began reviewing the shooting in March 2013 after a U.S. Justice Department investigation determined Combs did not violate Bailey's civil rights. In August 2013, state prosecutors charged Combs with misconduct in office, which carries a maximum of 10 years in prison.

The indictment issued Wednesday gives no indication of why the state decided to seek a murder charge, which would carry 30 years to life in prison if Combs is convicted. Prosecutors didn't return messages, and Combs' lawyers were not immediately available. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

West Africa

Mali receives mobile Ebola lab

Mali has received its first mobile Ebola lab, which can be deployed to remote hotspots if needed.

Ebola has infected 17,290 people, the vast majority in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Of those, 6,128 have died. Mali has recorded eight cases, but since it shares a border with Guinea, officials want to prepare the country in the event it spreads.

The new lab, donated by Germany and unveiled Thursday, could be used to test samples in remote hotspots in a few hours. Previously, samples had to be brought to the capital, and a day was lost before results were known. Speedy tests are vital to containing Ebola because infected people get treated faster and non-infected people spend less time on wards where they might catch the disease.

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VOICES

CLOSE THE ENVELOPE ON OPEN LETTERS, PLEASE

THE KOHLER REPORT
By Rebecca Kohler

I'd write an open letter to open letters if I could stomach writing an open letter. I find it difficult to read one without cringing at least once.

I can't quite put my finger on why, but I guess it's that they're publicly private in a way that makes me uncomfortable; like a drunk wife berating her husband for his lack of table manners in front of dinner guests (think Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?). It's not that I have a problem with people publicly voicing their opinions (clearly, I write a column that appears on a page of the paper called "Voices"), it's that I wonder why you would feel the need to make it personal.

We've seen a rash of open letters this year — Sinead O'Connor to Miley Cyrus, Jian Ghomeshi's TMI opus to the world — and this week that rash looked like it needed some ointment.

Last week we had that (really dumb) one from Republican Party communications director Elizabeth Lauten to the Obama girls. In it, Lauten admonished Sasha and Malia for not having enough "class" while attending the Turkey Pardoning. First of all, give those kids a break — I'm sure they'd rather be hanging out with friends than their dad and an undercooked piece of poultry. Second, Ms. Lauten, how "classy" is it for a GOP staffer to attack the First Children on her Facebook page? I guess it's classy enough to warrant your resignation.

We also saw an O.L. from model Arisce Wanzer to Kendall Jenner. The bitter tirade scolds Jenner for not having had to work as hard as other models to find success.

"Take a moment and remove yourself from your current situation ... to a life that isn't riddled with excess and only hearing the word 'yes'," Wanzer writes.

I get it, yes: People with golden horseshoes up their genetically superior rear ends are irritating, and I'm always in the mood for a good Kardashian bashing. But this isn't Kendall Jenner's fault, it's the modelling industry's. They're the ones that gave Jenner the work. Aside from this letter revealing that you're insecure and sour (let's face it, you're probably really hungry), you've also aimed your letter at the wrong target. Besides, Kendall is so rich, she probably can't even read.

Leave them alone

Ms. Lauten, how "classy" is it for a GOP staffer to attack the First Children on her Facebook page?

On Wednesday, the National Post printed an open letter from Canadian musician Dave Bidini to Joni Mitchell. In it, he references a recent Maclean's article in which Mitchell said a lot of uncomplimentary things about her fans, and a few too many complimentary things about herself. It's true, she sounded like a cow with a sore udder. Though I agreed with Bidini, I was still getting that uncomfortable open-letter feeling.

But then I thought, "Maybe this was the only appropriate format." How else would Bidini pitch that to the National Post? "I want to write an article about how Joni Mitchell is a piece of poo."? So maybe sometimes open letters are necessary?

That said, I'm still firm on my original stance. I find open letters masturbatory — they're basically talking to themselves — condescending, and self-aggrandizing.

So, here's an open "note" to open letter writers: If you don't know someone well enough to have their mailing address, chances are, they don't know you well enough to care what you think.

Rebecca Kohler is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter at @becca_kohler

Happy face/Sad face

From reissued birth notices to whack decrees by dictators, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Ever see adorable Girl Guides selling cookies and panic when you realize you don't have cash? If you live in the U.S., that panic's a thing of the past. The American equivalent, Girl Scout cookies, are going online for the first time ever. Sadly, Canadian guides aren't following suit, but that doesn't mean we can't be happy for our friends south of the border.

ABSURD EDICTS

In crazy dictator news, North Korea has made it illegal to go by Kim Jong-Un — the name of the country's young and eccentric leader. And in China, puns have been banned in an effort to stifle government dissent — or as the government would say, prevent "cultural and linguistic chaos."

GOOD SAMARITAN POLICE IN TENNESSEE

When a Salvation Army shelter in Tennessee turned away a family of five because it said their teen son was too old for the family wing and too young for the men's wing, they faced a frigid night in their car. That's when the local police stepped in. Officers pooled their cash and took them to a hotel for the night. When the hotel clerk insisted on comping the family their room, officers used the cash to buy the family groceries.

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FAKE PREGNANCY HEIST

A couple is accused of using a fake pregnancy belly to hide items they stole from an electronics store north of Toronto. The alleged act was caught on camera. Shame for co-opting the miracle of life for greed. But points for creativity, we guess.

PARENTS OF TRANSGENDER TEEN

An Australian couple is getting high-fives from around the world after re-issuing a tear-jerking birth notice for their transgender teen: "In 1995 we announced the arrival of our sprogget, Elizabeth Anne, as a daughter. He informs us that we were mistaken. Oops! Our bad. We would now like to present, our wonderful son — Kai Bogert. Loving you is the easiest thing in the world. Tidy your room." *sniff*

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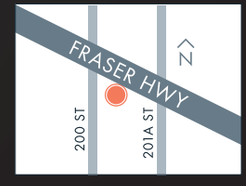

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Onscreen sizzle a real-life fizzle

Casting. Despite strong sparks in their film pairings, Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper insist there is no romance off-screen, just like many popular movie couples

Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper play married lumber barons in Serena. CONTRIBUTED

Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence first paired off in Silver Linings Playbook — he was a divorced substitute teacher, jailed for beating his wife's boyfriend half to death; she was a troubled widow who needed his help to win a dance competition — and sparks flew.

Next they shared scenes, but no romance, in American Hustle. And, this weekend, they make it a trifecta with the release of Serena.

Based on the novel by Ron Rash, Cooper and Lawrence play husband and wife lumber barons whose marriage becomes strained after she suffers a miscarriage.

Despite having shared love scenes in movies, Cooper says they have kept the romance onscreen.

"I mean, first of all, I could be her father," he says.

The re-teaming of Cooper and Lawrence in Serena proves that lightning does not always strike thrice.

The "it" couple had chemistry to burn in their previous pairings but fail to set off sparks here. As George and Serena they are ruthless and selfish, which should be the stuff of interesting characters, but the story throws so many hurdles their way that eventually it becomes one big, boring blur.

Some onscreen couples, however, have managed to keep the flame alive through several films.

After a 16-year separation, Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan — the pre-eminent cinema sweethearts of the 1990s — will reunite in the World War II drama Ithaca. The three rom coms that made them superstars, Joe Versus the Volcano, Sleepless in Seattle and You've Got Mail, were fuelled by the platonic chemistry they share in real life. "He makes me feel less alone," says Ryan.

Kate Winslet and co-star Leonardo DiCaprio are so close in real life that her children refer to him as Uncle Leo. As Titanic's star-crossed lovers Jack and Rose, they defined romantic tragedy for a whole generation before recoupling 11 years later in the feel-bad love story Revolutionary Road. Despite what fans thought, their friendship never turned romantic off-screen. "He always saw me as one of the boys," said Kate.

Despite falling in love over and over again in movies like The Wedding Singer, 50 First Dates and Blended, Drew Barrymore says she and Adam Sandler have exchanged nothing more than a "church kiss." "That's probably why we've been able to stick together all these years," she says, "because there never was that awkward moment."

In Review

RICHARD CROUSE

Serena

Director. Susanne Bier

Stars. Jennifer Lawrence, Bradley Cooper

Jennifer Lawrence plays the title character, the ambitious wife of George Pemberton (Bradley Cooper), a lumber baron struggling to keep his business afloat in Depression-era North Carolina. A miscarriage drives a wedge between them, a rift exacerbated by the arrival of a son George fathered by another woman. Serena has all the makings of an epic story. Betrayal, jealousy, murder and money swirl around the central characters, but instead of combining to create a compelling narrative, the elements collide in a big bang of schlock. From the broad southern accents to the dirt-smeared Rhys Ifans as Serena's violent lap dog, everything about this movie seems to verge on caricature.

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Director. David Storey

Stars. Brent Butt, Gabrielle Miller

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Drama/Comedy

Gemma Bovery

Director. Anne Fontaine

Stars. Gemma Arterton, Fabrice Luchini

Martin, an ex-Parisian and well-heeled hipster passionate about Gustave Flaubert, settles into a Norman village as a baker, and sees an English couple moving into a small farm nearby. Not only are the names of the new arrivals Gemma and Charles Bovery, but their behaviour also seems to be inspired by Flaubert's heroes.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No reviews yet **Audience:** 45%

Comedy

Horrible Bosses 2

Director. Sean Anders

Stars. Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, Charlie Day

The followup to the 2011 hit comedy Horrible Bosses reunites Jason Bateman, Charlie Day and Jason Sudeikis as everyone's favourite working stiffs: Nick, Dale and Kurt. Jennifer Aniston (We're the Millers), and Oscar winners Jamie Foxx (Ray) and Kevin Spacey (American Beauty, The Usual Suspects) also reprise their Horrible Bosses starring roles.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 35% **Audience:** 65%

Drama

Force Majeure

Director. Ruben Östlund

Stars. Johannes Bah Kuhnke, Lisa Loven Kongsli

A critical favourite and word-of-mouth sensation at this year's Cannes Festival, where it took the Jury Prize in Un Certain Regard, this wickedly funny and precisely observed psychodrama tells the story of a model Swedish family — handsome businessman Tomas, his willowy wife Ebba and their two blond, pre-teen children — on a skiing holiday in the French Alps.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 96% **Audience:** 80%

Drama

Foxcatcher

Director. Bennett Miller

Stars. Steve Carell, Channing Tatum, Mark Ruffalo

Foxcatcher is a psychological drama that tells the story of Olympic gold medal-winning wrestler Mark Schultz (Tatum), who sees a way out from the shadow of his more celebrated wrestling brother Dave (Ruffalo) and a life of poverty when he is summoned by eccentric multi-millionaire John du Pont (Carell) to move onto his estate and train for the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 85% **Audience:** 78%

Drama/Comedy

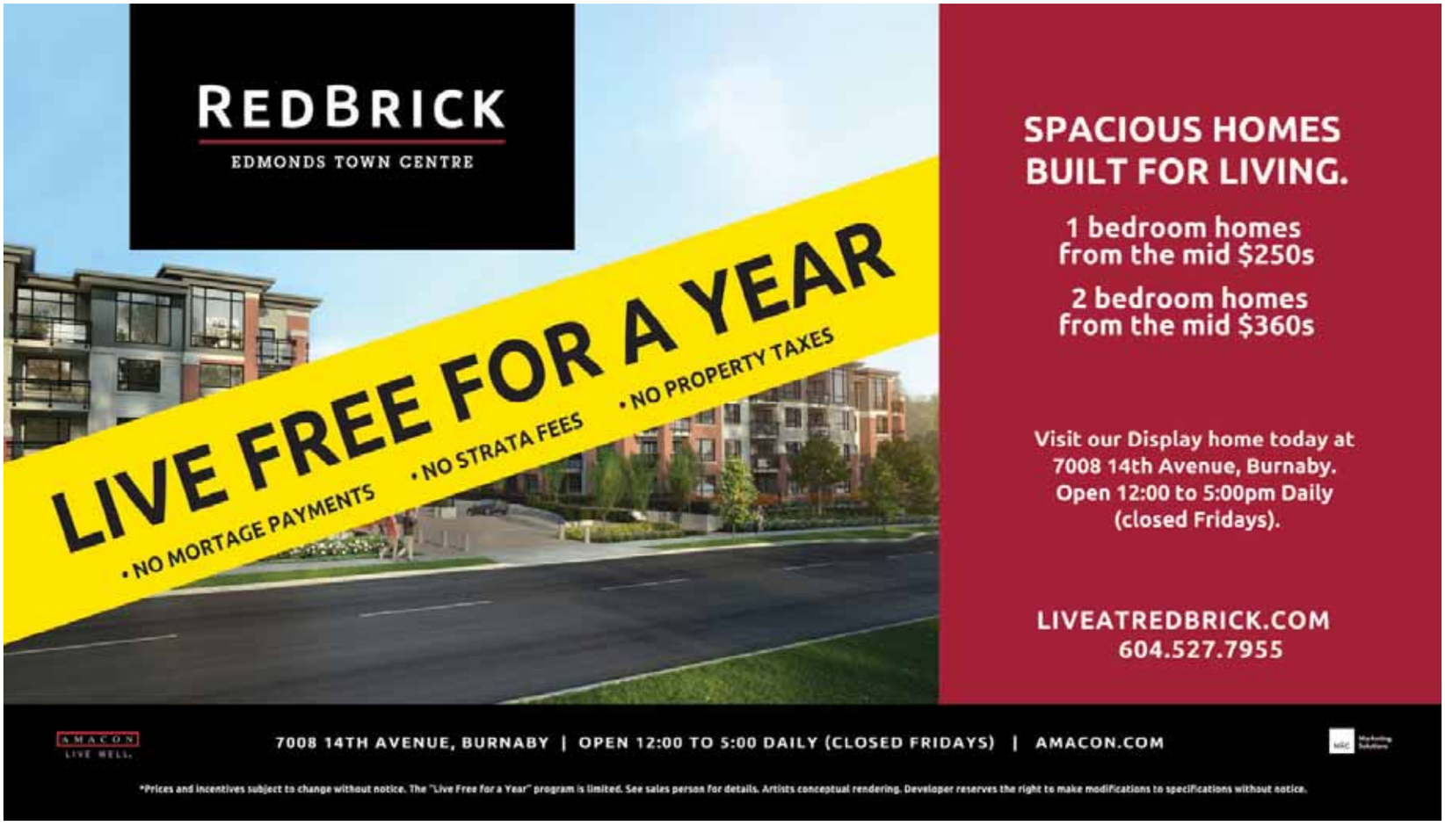
Dear White People

Director. Justin Simien

Stars. Tyler James Williams, Tessa Thompson

Winner of the 2014 Sundance Film Festival's Special Jury Award for Breakthrough Talent, Dear White People is a sly, provocative satire of race relations in the age of Obama. Writer/director Justin Simien follows a group of African American students as they navigate campus life and racial politics at a predominantly white college.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 90% **Audience:** 71%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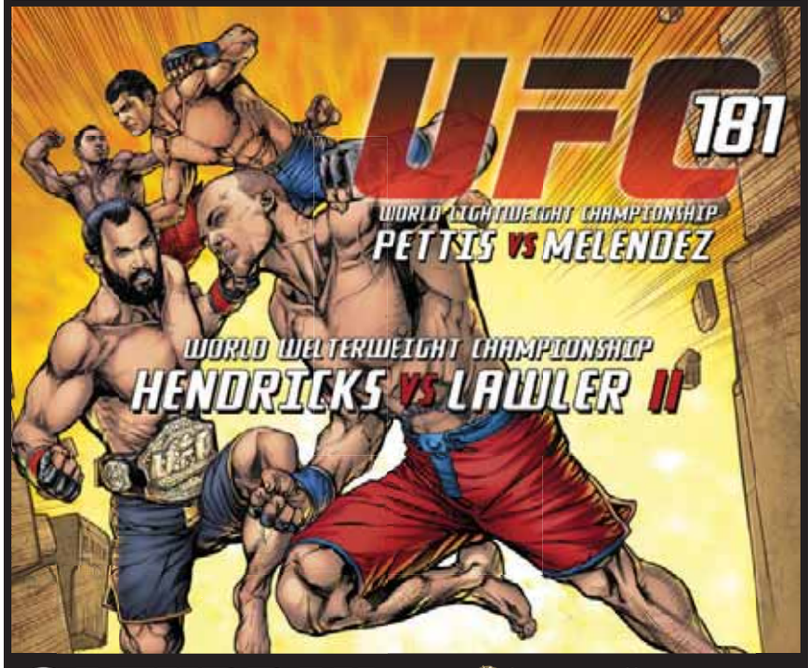

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Gabrielle Miller and Brent Butt star in Corner Gas: The Movie. CONTRIBUTED

Gang has five days to rescue Dog River

Corner Gas: The Movie. Big-screen adaptation of popular sitcom will only play in theatres for a week before moving to TV and a DVD release

RICHARD CROUSE
Metro in Hollywood

Six years after Corner Gas called it quits on the small screen, the citizens of Dog River are back and bigger than ever.

Corner Gas: The Movie will play in theatres for five days before moving to television and then a DVD release, all in time for Christmas.

"It's all very fast," says star Brent Butt. "I don't think it has ever been done before."

The pace of the film's release schedule may be accelerated, but Butt and company took their time bringing the show from television to the big screen.

"When we wrapped the series up, the notion was, 'It would be great if we could come back one more time to do a movie,'" he says. "We didn't know if we could come up with a script that would justify doing the movie. It's weird. If you are trying to convert a known 22-minute project that has a known rhythm and characters, and try and make that live over 90 minutes, it's a trick. You can't do that easily. You can do it poorly easily, but to do it well is tough."

The film sees the good folks of Dog River attempting to save the town from bankruptcy by winning the Quaintest Town in Canada contest.

"One of my first thoughts was, 'Will it just be like a really long episode?" said series star Fred Ewanuick, who plays Hank. "Because that would suck.

"When I first got the script, right away, I thought, 'It's a feature script. That's good.' It's still Corner Gas, we're not going to knock anybody's socks off, and it is not this whole new thing, but it works as a film."

"I agree with that," chimes in Gabrielle Miller, who plays Lacey on the show. "Except we are going to knock your socks off."

The film comes almost six years after the 107th and final episode of the popular sitcom aired.

"It felt like we had just been on a really long hiatus," said series regular Tara Spencer-Nairn, who plays Karen.

"We were all just a little bit older. All the men had to get their hair coloured. On the first day, all the girls were in hair and makeup tests and the boys all went to get their hair coloured."

The cast fell right back into their roles, despite the long break, but Butt said this may be the last time they are all in Dog River together.

"I'm a never-say-never kind of guy, but the plan isn't to do another one."

Fans shouldn't give up hope, though. When co-star Fred Ewanuick suggests another related project, Butt's eyes brighten.

"Corner Gascapades? I could work with that."

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"We didn't know if we could come up with a script that would justify doing the movie. It's weird."

Brent Butt, Corner Gas star

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Benedict Cumberbatch plays Alan Turing in The Imitation Game. CONTRIBUTED

WWII hero helped save millions, but few people know his name

The Imitation Game. Alan Turing invented a computer that cracked Nazi codes and helped Allies win the war, but he was arrested and castrated for being gay

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Mathematician, statistician and early computer scientist Alan Turing was a British war hero, but no one knew until years later because no one was supposed to know.

Under the cloak of secrecy at Bletchley Hall, the U.K.'s cypher and spy school, he invented the electromagnetic machine. It was an early computer that broke the German Enigma code and intercepted military messages, assuring an Allied victory. When Turing's work was finally revealed, Sir Winston Churchill called it "the greatest single contribution to the Allied victory over the Nazis."

Turing may have saved millions of lives and shortened the war by two to four years, but he was arrested for being gay, a crime in the U.K. until 1967, and was forced into chemical castration. It led to his early death in 1952.

Benedict Cumberbatch plays the tragic hero in Morten Tyldum's The Imitation Game, with Matthew Goode and Allen Leech as his Bletchley Park colleagues. They hope to bring Turing's heroism to a new generation. "There are huge amounts of people that don't know about him," says Cumberbatch. "And (they are) even more important than those who do — people who appreciate what he achieved and stood for, both as a gay icon and as a genius who basically was at the forefront of the birth of the computer age and a war hero.

"The number of people who don't know about him, or only have a scant idea of him, is in extraordinary proportion to his achievements and what he endured in his life. So my kind of weight and responsibility tends towards wanting this to get to as broad an audience as possible."

Turing is portrayed as being a loner and difficult to work with, perhaps for fear of being outed. Goode and Leech found that their real life counterparts, Hugh Alexander and John Cairncross, were wary of him.

"He's not the easiest man to like, which is something I liked about Benedict's acting choices," says Goode.

Cumberbatch, Goode and Leech agree Turing was dealt an unfair hand but feel the film is a celebration of his life and work.

"Not just the Enigma Code, but about this man and the team around him — this incredible man who has never been given the proper accolades he deserves," says Leech.

"It's a celebration of why different is good, why different can win a World War," Goode adds.

Secret quest

There was plenty the cast wasn't privy to when researching The Imitation Game. "Bletchley Park was shrouded in secrecy and the characters we played were the most secretive of all," explains Allen Leech. "So a lot of the information would have been destroyed and, even when we did approach people who had worked there, they still, 70 years on, weren't prepared to speak about it."

Michael Murphy puts order to ambiguity

Interview. Canadian filmmaker Terrance Odette says veteran actor brought shape to moral tale that delves deep into faith

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In the forthcoming film Fall, actor Michael Murphy plays a kindly priest whose life descends into moral chaos after he receives a cryptic letter from a one-time teenage parishioner — a tragic tale that director Terrance Odette admits is somewhat based on a true story.

"(An) incident happened to me when I was 14 and the letter is something that I never did write but it's something I felt I would've," said Odette ahead of the film's Toronto release this weekend (available on VOD the same day). "That's the inspiration for starting the story, but I wasn't interested in any kind of autobiographical story. I was using the incident and reflecting on this man."

In fact, Odette admits he didn't even truly discover the drama's ambiguous narrative until Murphy came on-board. A long-time admirer of the character actor's 50-year career appearing in everything from Woody Allen's classic Manhattan to recent thriller White House Down starring Channing Tatum, Odette insists the film only found shape with the reluctant collaborator.

"Truthfully, I liked what he wrote, but I thought they'll never make this movie," explained Murphy. "I thought this is good, but I've spent my career doing movies about guys who are challenged morally , (but Odette) brought a great gift of a starring role in the kind of picture I want to make because it's cinematic acting."

It's also not the first movie Odette has written with deep questions surrounding faith. In 2002, Odette earned attention for Saint Monica — a modest festival hit about a young girl obsessed with angels and her Roman Catholic upbringing.

"I'm just harvesting from my own experience and what interests me," explained the Hamilton, Ont.-based filmmaker of his interest in religion. "It's part of me. I'm a person who is fascinated by philosophy; fascinated by why and how people think spiritually. It's simply where I mine from."

Michael Murphy plays a priest coping with moral chaos in Fall. CONTRIBUTED

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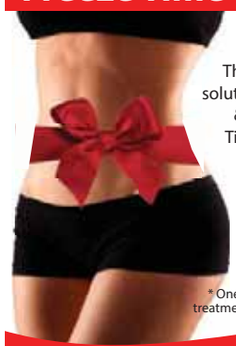

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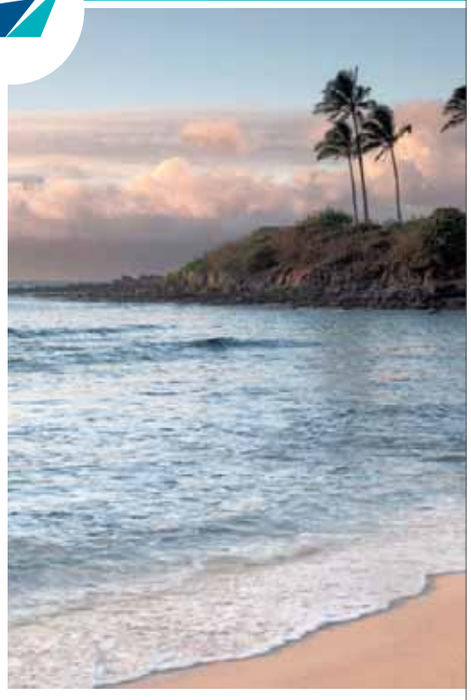

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Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30 Sat 11:30-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30 Sun 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30
Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri-Sat 1:45-4:45-7:30-10:20 Sun 4:45-7:30-10:20 Mon-Tue 1:15-4-7-10:05 Wed 1:15-4-10:05 Thu 1:15-4-7-10:05

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Bolshoi Ballet: La Bayadere (STC) Sun 12:55
A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Corner Gas: The Movie (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1-7
Don't Go Breaking My Heart 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-6:55-9:45
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri 2:40-5:20-8-10:40 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:20-8-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:50-7:40-10:10
Exhibition on Screen: Matisse (STC) Thu 7:30
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (STC) No Passes Thu 10
Fury (14A) Fri 3:15-10:15 Sat-Sun 3:40-10:15 Mon-Wed 1-4:05-7:10-10:15 Thu 1-4:05-10:15
Gone Girl (14A) Fri 3:15-7-10:35 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:50-7:15-10:35 Mon-Thu 3:30-7-10:20
Horrible Bosses 2 (14A) Fri 1:50-2:50-4:30-5:30-7:10-8:10-9:50-10:50 Sat 11:15-12:10-1:50-2:50-4:30-5:30-7:10-8:10-9:50-10:50 Sun 12:10-1:50-2:50-4:30-5:30-7:10-8:10-9:50-10:50 Mon-Wed 1:50-2:20-4:30-5-7:10-7:45-9:50-10:25 Thu 1:50-2:20-4:30-5-7:10-7:45-10:25
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 1-1:20-3:50-4:20-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20 Sat 12:50-1:20-3:50-4:20-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20 Sun 12:50-1:20-4:15-4:30-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20 Mon-Wed 1-2-3:45-5-6:45-8-9:45 Thu 1-3:45-5-6:45-8-9:45 Fri 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:50 Sat 11:05-1:50-4:50-7:50-10:50 Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:50 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 2
Interstellar (PG) Fri 3-6:40-10:20 Sat-Sun 12-3:30-7-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:10-5:45-9:30
Interstellar: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri 2:40-6:20-10 Sat 11-2:40-6:20-10 Sun-Thu 2:40-6:20-10
The Metropolitan Opera: Le Nozze Di Figaro - Encore (STC) Sat 9
National Theatre Live: John (STC) Wed 7 Nightcrawler (14A) Fri-Thu 9:55 Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 3:10-5:35-8-10:35 Sat 11:25-12:45-3:10-5:35-8-10:35 Sun 12:45-3:10-5:35-8-10:35 Mon-Thu 1-3:20-5:35-8-10:35 Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 2:25-4:50-7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:30-4-6:45-9
Serena (14A) Fri-Wed 2-4:40-7:20-10 Thu 4:40-7:20-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 2
The Theory of Everything (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:30-10:15
Women Who Flirt (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:25-10:10

SilverCity Metropolis 4700 Kingsway Ave.

Big Hero 6 (G) Fri 2 Sat 11:50 Sun-Thu 2:10
Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri 4:40-7:25-10:05 Sat 2:25-5:05-7:45-10:25 Sun-Thu 4:50-7:30-10:10
A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri 2:15-4:55-7:35-10:10 Sat 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:35 Sun 2:25-5:05-7:45-10:20 Mon-Tue 2:20-5-7:40-10:20 Wed 1:25-4:05-7:10-10:20 Thu 2:20-5-7:40-10:20
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (STC) No Passes Thu 9:30
Horrible Bosses 2 (14A) Fri 12:35-2:40-4:30-5:15-7:10-7:50-9:50-10:25 Sat 12:05-1:50-2:45-4:30-5:25-7:10-8:05-9:50-10:40 Sun 12:30-2:45-4:15-5:20-6:55-7:55-9:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:25-2:35-4:10-5:10-6:50-7:50-9:35-10:25
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 12:30-3:25-6:20-9:20 Sat 12:20-3:15-6:20-9:20 Sun 12:30-3:20-6:20-9:20 Mon-Tue 1-3:55-6:55-9:50 Wed 1-3:55-9:50 Thu 1-3:55-6:55-9:50 Fri 1:40-4:35-7:35-10:30 Sat 11-1:55-4:50-7:50-10:45 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:35-10:30 Fri 1-4-7-10 Sat 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:15-10:10
Interstellar (PG) Fri 12:50-3:05-6:40-10:15 Sat 11:25-3-6:40-10:15 Sun 12:35-3:05-6:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:30-6:05-9:45
National Theatre Live: John (STC) Wed 7
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 2:20-4:45-7:15-9:40 Sat 12:30-2:45-5-7:25-9:40 Sun-Wed 2:05-4:30-7-9:25 Thu 2:05-4:30-7
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:05-5:30-7:55-10:20 Sun 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 1-3:15-5:30-7:45-10:05

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Big Hero 6 (G) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:45-6:30 Mon-Thu 1-3:45-6:30
Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri 1:40-4:30-7:15-9:55 Sat 11-1:40-4:30-7:15-9:55 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:15-9:55
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Bolshoi Ballet: La Bayadere (STC) Sun 12:55
A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Corner Gas: The Movie (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1-7
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri 1:50-4:35-7:50-10:35 Sat 1:30-4:15-7:50-10:35 Sun 1:50-4:25-7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:50-10:30 Fri-Sun 2:30-5:20-8-10:45 Mon-Wed 3:30-6:30-9:30 Thu 3:30-6:30
Exhibition on Screen: Matisse (STC) Thu 7:30
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (STC) No Passes Thu 9:15 No Passes Thu 9:30
Fury (14A) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:25-7:35-10:40 Sun 4:30-7:35-10:40 Mon-Tue 12:55-4-7:05-10:10 Wed 12:55-3:55-9:30 Thu 12:55-4-9:50
Gone Girl (14A) Fri 12:45-3:40-7:05-10:30 Sat 12:45-3:55-7:05-10:30 Sun 12:45-4-7:05-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:55-5:15-8:35
Horrible Bosses 2 (14A) Fri-Tue 2:15-4:55-7:40-10:25 Wed 4:55-7:40-10:25 Thu 2:15-4:55-7:40-10:25 Fri-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10 Fri-Sun 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 4-5:30-7-8:30-10 Fri 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:45 Sat 11-1:50-4:45-7:45-10:45 Sun 1:50-4:45-7:45-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:35-10:30
Interstellar (PG) Fri 2:45-6:40-10:20 Sat 11-2:45-6:40-10:20 Sun 2:45-6:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:10-6-9:45 Fri-Sun 1-4:55-8:45 Mon-Thu 5-9
John Wick (14A) Fri-Wed 9:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Le Nozze Di Figaro - Encore (STC) Sat 9
National Theatre Live: John (STC) Wed 7
Nightcrawler (14A) Fri 12:50-4:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 4:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:25-10:15
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:05 Sat 11:05-1:30-4:10-6:45-9:05 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:05
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50

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The Theory of Everything (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10

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Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (G) Fri-Thu 4:30-6:30
The Book of Life (G) Fri-Thu 4:40
The Book of Life 3D (G) Sat-Sun 12:30-2:30
The Boxtrolls (G) Sat-Sun 12:30
The Boxtrolls 3D (G) Fri-Thu 4:30
Guardians of the Galaxy (PG) Sat-Sun 2
Guardians of the Galaxy 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 8:40
John Wick (14A) Fri-Tue 8:15 Thu 8:15
The Maze Runner (PG) Fri-Thu 6:40
St. Vincent (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-9

Strawberry Hill Grande
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey

Action Jackson (STC) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:35-6:55-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:35-6:35-9:45
Big Hero 6 (G) Fri 1:50 Sat 11:15-1:50 Sun-Tue 1:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1 Thu 1:50
Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri-Thu 4:35-7:15-9:50
Chaar Sahibzaade 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:15-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 1:25-5-8:10
A Christmas Story (STC) Sat 11
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri 2:05-4:40-7:20-10 Sat 11:30-2:05-4:40-7:20-10 Sun-Thu 2:05-4:40-7:20-10
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (STC) No Passes Thu 9:30
Happy Go Lucky (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-4:10-7:25-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:25-10:25
Horrible Bosses 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 2:20-5-7:40-10:20
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 1:05-4:05-7:9:30-10 Sat 11:30-1:05-4:05-7-9:30-10 Sun-Tue 1:05-4:05-7-9:30-10 Wed 4:05-7-9:30-10 Thu 1:05-4:05-7-10 Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
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Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:20-4:35-7 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:35-7
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Ungli (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10-10:05 Mon-Thu 1-4-7:10-10:10

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Action Jackson (STC) Fri-Wed 12:45-4:20-8-9 Thu 12:45-4:20-8
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Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-9:55
Chaar Sahibzaade (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50
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Corner Gas: The Movie (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1-7
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Interstellar (PG) Fri 12:45-4:25-8:10 Sat 10:20-12:45-4:25-8:10 Sun-Thu 12:45-4:25-8:10
Past Tense (STC) Fri 1-4:10-7:10-10 Sat 10:05-1-4:10-7:10-10 Sun-Thu 1-4:10-7:10-10
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 1:10-4-6:30 Sat 10:10-1:10-4-6:30 Sun-Thu 1:10-4-6:30
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 1:40-4:30-7-9:40 Sat 10:40-1:40-4:30-7-9:40 Sun-Wed 1:40-4:30-7-9:40 Thu 1:40-4:30 Thu 9:50
The Royal Ballet - Manon (STC) Sat 10
Royal Opera House: I Due Foscari (STC) Mon 6:30
Top Five (18A) Thu 8:30

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1732-152nd Street, White Rock

Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri-Thu 4
The Hundred-Foot Journey (G) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
Interstellar (PG) Fri 7:20 Sat-Sun 1:45-7:20 Mon-Thu 7:20
My Old Lady (PG) Fri-Thu 5
Whiplash (14A) Fri-Thu 9

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Big Hero 6 (G) Fri 4:15-6:30-8:45 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:15-6:30-8:45 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:30-8:45
Horrible Bosses 2 (14A) Fri 4:15-6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 2-4:15-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:45-9:15
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 4:30-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7-9:30
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 4:40-6:40-8:55 Sat-Sun 2:15-4:40-6:40-8:55 Mon-Thu 4:40-6:40-8:55

Colossus Langley
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Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (G) Fri 12:55-3:05-5:25-7:35 Sat 11:15-3:35-5:35-7:35 Sun 12:45-3:05-5:25-7:35 Mon 5:25-7:35 Tue 12:55-3:05-5:25-7:35 Wed-Thu 5:25-7:35
Big Hero 6 (G) Fri 2:30-5:05-7:45 Sat 11:15-2:30-5:05-7:45 Sun 2:30-5:05-7:45 Mon 5:05-7:40 Tue 2:30-5:05-7:45 Wed-Thu 5:05-7:40
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Interstellar (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-5:30-9:15 Mon 5:30-9:15 Tue 1:45-5:30-9:15 Wed-Thu 5:30-9:15
Interstellar: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri 2:55-6:25-9:55 Sat 11:30-2:55-6:25-9:55 Sun 2:55-6:25-9:55 Mon 4:40-8:15 Tue 2:55-6:25-9:55 Wed-Thu 4:40-8:15
John Wick (14A) Fri-Sun 10:10 Mon 10:05 Tue 10:10 Wed-Thu 10:05
The Metropolitan Opera: Le Nozze Di Figaro - Encore (STC) Sat 9
National Theatre Live: John (STC) Wed 7
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 2-4:15-7:20-9:40 Sat 11:20-2-4:15-7:20-9:40 Sun 2-4:35-7:20-9:40 Mon 4:45-7:20-9:40 Tue 2-4:15-7:20-9:40 Wed 4:45-7:20-9:40 Thu 4:45-7:10
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Serena (14A) Fri 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Sat 11:05-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Sun 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Mon 4:15-7-9:50 Tue 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Wed 7-9:50 Thu 4:15-7-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
St. Vincent (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-2:55-5:15-7:50-10:25 Mon 5:25-7:50-10:15 Tue 12:35-2:55-5:15-7:50-10:25 Wed-Thu 5:25-7:50-10:15
The Theory of Everything (G) Fri 1:15-4:05-7:05-9:55 Sat 11:10-1:15-4:05-7:05-9:55 Sun 1:15-4:05-7:05-9:55 Mon 4:25-7:10-9:55 Tue 1:15-4:05-7:05-9:55 Wed-Thu 4:25-7:10-9:55

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Shrimp and Coconut Milk Thai Soup.

Although this recipe requires a long list of ingredients, it comes together in a snap

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As most of the country heads toward a deep freeze (or at least colder weather), wanderlust is inevitable.

What's the best solution — short of jumping on a flight to somewhere warm? Exotic flavours inspired by lands far, far away with key ingredients that include coconut, curry and plenty of delicious heat.

This Shrimp and Coconut Milk Thai Soup is a perfect example of such a warming and exotic meal.

Ingredients

- 8 shiitake mushrooms, sliced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped, or hot pepper sauce, to taste
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) vegetable oil
- Salt and pepper
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp fresh ginger, chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) tomato paste
- 1 tbsp curry powder
- 2 tsp ground paprika
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 cans (14 oz/398 ml) coconut milk
- 2 cups (500 ml) chicken broth
- 2 cups snow peas, cut lengthwise into three strips or broccoli florets
- Grated zest of 2 limes
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- 1 1/2 lb (675 g) shelled raw shrimp, with or without the tail
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced diagonally

1. In saucepan, brown the shiitake mushrooms and jalapeno pepper in oil. Season with salt and pepper. Add garlic, ginger, tomato paste and spices, and sauté for 1 to 2 minutes.

2. Add coconut milk, chicken broth, snow peas, lime zest and lime juice. Bring to boil and simmer gently 3 minutes or until the peas are al dente.

3. Add the shrimp and bring to a boil. Continue cooking for about 2 minutes or until the shrimp are cooked. Adjust the seasoning. When ready to serve, garnish with green onions.

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Warm up wine glasses

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I'm not sure where the year went, but here we are in chilly December dreaming of summer and a wine to warm up our evenings. Port tops my list.

The last to comply, Canadian wineries have finally agreed to leave its name off their labels, so the term port will only appear on bottles from its true homeland of Portugal.

Winemakers in Canada have chosen the term "tawny" to identify their fortified wines that pay homage to the real stuff.

In the wine world, port is an odd duck. Best served with only a slight chill, its boozy bouquet and muscular punch of berry doesn't play well with novice palates.

Pigeonholed as an after dinner sipper, its stand alone sensibility works brilliantly with blue and cheddar cheeses, almonds, walnuts, dried fruit and chocolate.

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Mix up your wine and spirits this season

The gift of booze.
Broaden your palate and try any of these for some holiday cheer

PETER ROCKWELL
For Metro

While it may be the most wonderful time of year to get innovative with your liquid gift-giving, it's likely many of you reach for the same old bottle when spreading holiday cheer. Wine and spirit fans come in all shapes, sizes and levels of engagement, so here are some unique ideas to make their season merry.

For the wine newbie
If you know someone who's treading water when it comes to expanding their vinous horizons, these wines will open their minds and palates.

Apothic 2012 Red (California, $15.95*): The wine that started the sweet red phenomenon still leads the pack with its cocktail-like balance of sugar and ripe berry sweetness.

The Grinder 2012 Pinotage (South Africa, $13.95): No baristas were harmed in the making of this wine. This wild berry red gets its fusion of mocha, java, and chocolate from oak aging.

Montalto 2013 Pinot Grigio (Italy, $8.95): Fun to say and easy to drink; pinot grigio is the "it" white grape of the 21st century. Soft, fruity and with crisp acidity, this Sicilian delivers as much flavour as a version at twice the price.

Jacob's Creek 2013 Moscato (Australia, $11.45): Light in alcohol, but big in round, tropical flavours makes this the perfect entry-level white.

For the wine enthusiast
Have someone on your list who knows their way around a wine glass? These wines will pop their cork.

Monte Antico 2009 Toscano IGT (Italy, $15.95): A baby Super Tuscan made from sangiovese, merlot and cabernet sauvignon. She's loaded with plum, black cherry and dark anise with an astonishing balance of tannins and acid.

Ringbolt 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon (Australia, $19.85): Down Under is no slouch when it comes to cabernet. Calling Western Australia's Margaret River home, Ringbolt's one meaty, mouthful of black fruit.

Caymus 2011 Conundrum White (California, $24.95): The original New World white blend combines over five different grapes to reach its goal of peach, melon, citrus and pepper spice.

La Fiole du Pape Châteauneuf-du-Pape (France, $39.95): A crooked bottle covered in a dirty glaze has made this red the most recognized wine in the Rhône Valley. A mix of multiple vintages, its textured, earthy mouth-feel is seductively accessible.

For the whisky lover
Scotland doesn't own the rights to great whisky and these tasty versions think outside the bottle.

Writer's Tears Pot Still Irish Whiskey (Ireland, $50.75): The champagne of Irish whiskies and a style favoured by that country's prolific writing community who love its old-school expression of honey, fruit and flowers.

Glen Breton Rare Canadian Whisky (Nova Scotia, $79.80): The lightly-malted flavour of Canada's only single malt whisky will appeal to scotch nerds and all brown spirit enthusiasts.

Canadian Club Chairman's Select 100% Rye (Canada, $27.25): We're known for rye. If you know a Mad Men fan, this thick, rich rye has their name on it.

For the sparkling wine fan
Add some sparkle to their season with a gift that's fun and fizzy.

Freixenet Cordon Negro Brut Cava (Spain, $13.95): Made like champagne, this Spaniard pushes all the bubbly buttons and makes a solid foundation for your Christmas morning mimosa.

Fresita (Chile, $13.95): For the mixology impaired. This sparkler is married with Chilean strawberries to create a fruit-fest.

Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut Champagne (France, $75.95): Bollinger has been James Bond's brand since Pierce Brosnan first played the role, which makes this non-vintage version the go-to gift for a '007' fan.

If money is no object
Something for those who have been very good this year.

Bottega 2009 Il Vino Prêt-à-Porter Riserva Amarone della Valpolicella Classico (Italy, $99.95): Wrapped in leather and studs, this full-bodied Italian red will appeal to anyone with fashion sense and collectors who want their wines to cellar for at least five years.

Rémy Martin Louis XIII Cognac (France, $3,100): You can find more expensive booze, but this king of cognac — made from a blend of spirits up to 100 years old — is a bucket list brandy in a Baccarat crystal decanter.

Grey Goose VX Vodka (France, $100): Miles ahead of the flock of ultra-premium vodka, this re-interpretation of Grey Goose is in limited supply and lands with a hint of cognac added to the blend.

Patron Añejo Tequila (Mexico, $99.95): Forget about the lime juice; aged in oak for at least 12 months, this is tequila that begs to be sipped slowly, instead of hidden in a margarita.

**Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.*

Clockwise from top left: Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut Champagne, $75.95; Writer's Tears Whiskey, $50.75; Fresita, $13.95; Apothic Red, $15.95; Patron Anejo, $99.95.

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Favourite artists take on classics

CDs. Create a your own soundtrack this season

KEITH CARMAN
For Metro

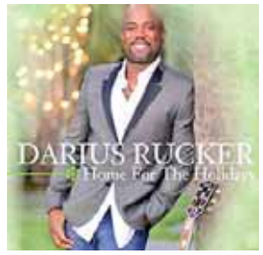
Set the atmosphere with these latest works that will surely generate holiday cheer.

Blue Rodeo: A Merrie Christmas To You

Canadian rock mainstays Blue Rodeo issue their first Christmas-themed album with 10 tracks ranging from standards such as Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas and O Come All Ye Faithful.

Idina Menzel: Holiday Wishes

Frozen film star and Tony Award winner Idina Menzel steps into the musical realm with her debut Christmas album. Focusing on traditional material, the likes of A Holly Jolly Christmas and Do You Hear What I Hear through to her own rendition of Joni Mitchell track River.



LeAnn Rimes: One Christmas: Chapter One

Country superstar LeAnn Rimes has opted to issue a shorter album: One Christmas: Chapter One.

Earth Wind & Fire: Holiday

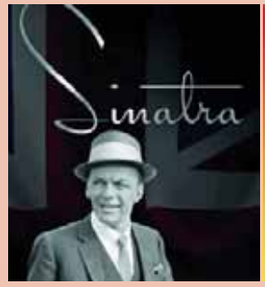
Revered R&B/soul/funk outfit Earth, Wind & Fire have waited 43 years to stake their claim in the holiday soundtrack game. Holiday is sure to be a hit.

Seth MacFarlane: Holiday For Swing

Best known for creating television's Family Guy and American Dad, writer/comedian/producer Seth MacFarlane's Holiday For Swing promises to be quite engaging. Guest appearances include Sara Bareilles and Norah Jones.

Darius Rucker: Home For The Holidays

Best-known as the front man for '90s pop stars Hootie & the Blowfish, Darius Rucker has certainly reinvented himself as a bona fide country artist. He serves up a 12-track album showcasing originals alongside seasonal staples.



A roundup of the best music box sets

Great things still come in relatively small packages. While downloading has quickly become one of the largest trends in obtaining music, there's still nothing like a tangible copy of your favourite artist's works. Here are a few of the more celebrated Yuletide offerings.

Frank Sinatra Sinatra: London

Packed into three discs and a DVD, Sinatra: London brings together this unforgettable pop culture figure's fabled 1962 British recording session into one package.

Pink Floyd The Endless River

Their first album in two decades finds British progressive rockers Pink Floyd doling out a two-disc deluxe CD/Blu-ray (or DVD) edition of The Endless River.

The Kinks The Anthology 1964 -1971

Quintessential rockers The Kinks may have been together for less than a decade but as this comprehensive five-disc collection asserts, they certainly weren't short on hits.

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The best way to watch movies

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Bring the movies home this holiday season. Instead of buying every family member a gift, go big and purchase a home theatre everyone can enjoy together. From curved screens to projectors, the choices are endless. Here are some of the best options to enjoy true movie magic.

LG 55EC9300 Curved OLED TV
$4,999.99

If you've never seen an OLED display, you don't know what you're missing. Not only is this 4K television insanely thin (5.08 mm), it displays rich colour and perfect blacks. The screen is also curved to create a more immersive viewing experience, drawing you into the action. With a price tag just shy of $5,000 you have to be pretty darn good for Santa to deliver this under the tree.

Samsung 55" Curved UHD TV
$4,199.00

Ultra-high definition televisions (4K) have four times the resolution of traditional high definition. This panel features four HDMI inputs so you can hook all your high-definition devices up without running out of space. What sets many Samsung TVs apart from the rest is the ability to upgrade processors after you buy them, which means you'll always have the latest technology. Keep in mind that Ultra-HD and 4K content is still limited.

Vizio 60" E Series Smart TV
$949.99

Proof you don't have to break the bank to get a big screen home for the holidays. New to Canada, the Vizio brand is known for bringing great picture quality at affordable prices. This stunning 60" display has wlots of bells and whistles, including premium apps, and built-in Wi-Fi, yet the price is significantly cheaper than the competition.

BenQ HT1075 Projector
$999.99

You don't always need a lot of space to install a projector in your home theatre. This projector from BenQ is able to create a 100" HD image on any wall with as little as eight feet. The optional wireless package allows you to stream 1080p HD content from your favourite device across the room with no wires.

Epson 5030UB
$2,999.99

With ultra-black levels and THX certification, this premium projector is a movie buff's dream. Epson's 5030UB can project in both 2D and 3D on a screen up to 300 inches. It's not cheap, but when you consider how much money it is to take your family to the movies, this gorgeous projector will pay itself off in no time. Available online only.

Logitech Harmony Smart Keyboard
$149.99

A wireless keyboard, touchpad and remote control all in one. This handy device makes it easier to search for shows, and navigate menus on media devices like Roku and Apple TV. Activity buttons offer a one-touch solution to turning on your entertainment system without searching for individual remotes. Controls up to eight devices at once.

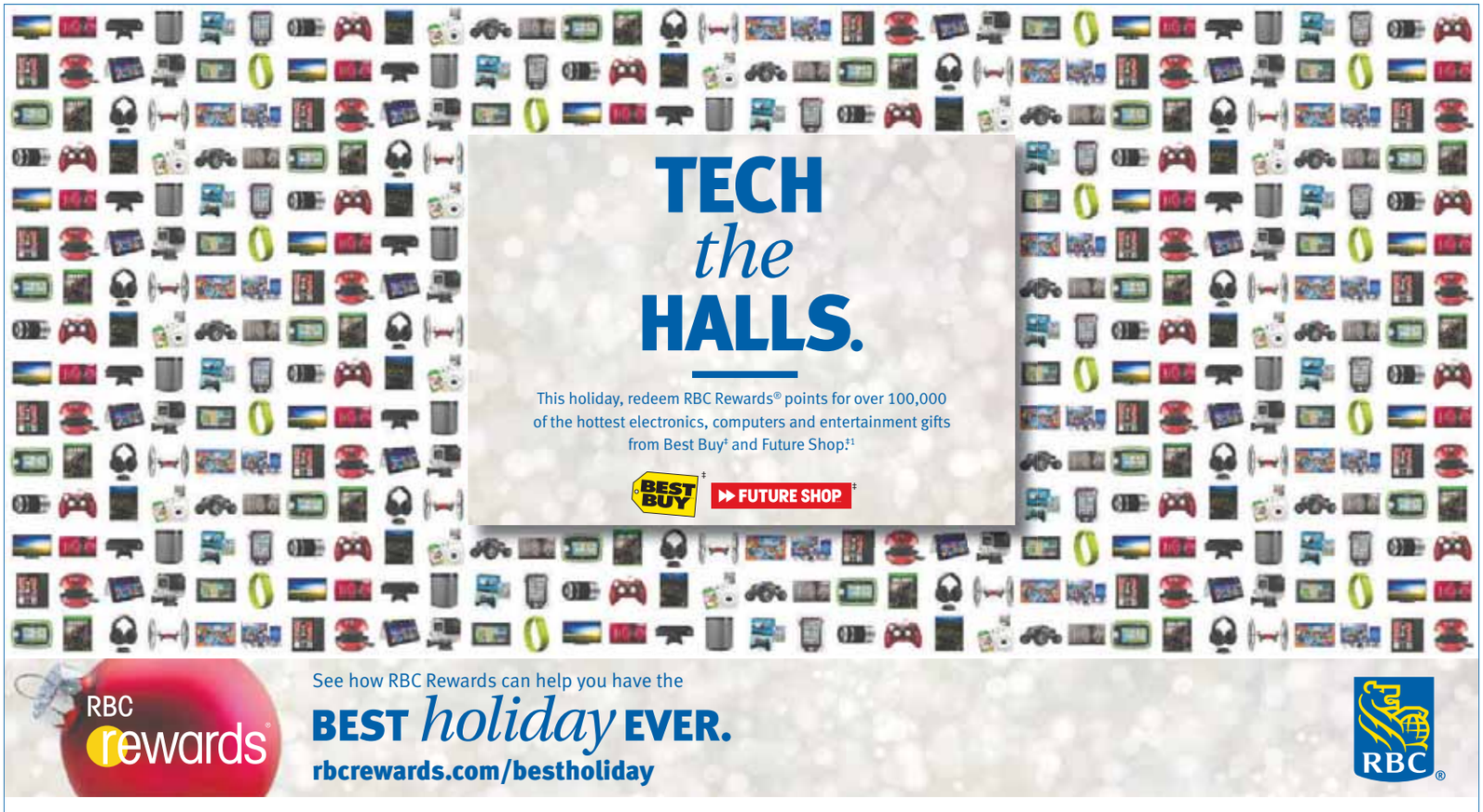
Sennheiser RS180 Wireless Headphones
$499.99

Tired of telling your family to turn down the volume on the television when you go to bed? These headphones may be the perfect gift. Comfortable fit with superb sound quality, these wireless headphones connect to devices giving you a personal audio experience without disturbing others. The wireless range is impressive, letting you walk as far as 328 feet from the base.

Apple TV
$109

A handy little device which lets you watch movies, listen to music, and stream photos and videos from your Mac, iPad and iPhone to your television. Although the hardware hasn't been updated in a couple of years, it still remains one of the smallest and easiest to use devices for accessing Netflix.

*From left, **top row:** Logitech Harmony Smart Keyboard, $149.99; Samsung 55" Curved UHD TV, $4,199; BenQ HT1075 Projector, $999.99; **middle row:** Apple TV, $109; Epson 5030UB, $2,999.99; **bottom row:** Vizio 60" E Series Smart TV, $949.99; LG 55EC9300 Curved OLED TV, $4,999.99.*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Ho ho home viewing for the holidays

Once upon a time we used to comb the TV guide with a pencil looking for the seasonal screenings of our favourite Christmas movies or TV specials — those annual chestnuts that we relied on to put us in our Yuletide happy place, while the season's deadlines and shopping lists threatened to snuff out our Christmas spirit.

Now, of course, there's a generation that doesn't know or care what a TV guide is, and regards one's tales of waiting for a certain hour on a certain night to see a show as not merely quaint but perhaps a crime against democracy. Now, of course, we can collect our favourite shows and tuck them away in the same box with the wreath, the tree stand and the Hanukkah menorah.

TV holiday specials are now on DVD. For kids, there's Octonauts: A Very Vegimal Christmas (Octonauts), Thomas & Friends: The Christmas Engines (Universal), Peppa Pig: Peppa's Christmas (EOne), and Penguins of Madacascar: Operation Special Delivery (ANConnect).

For grown-ups there's The Big Bang Theory: Holiday Episodes (Warner,) Robot Chicken's Christmas Specials (Warner), and Bing Crosby chestnut White Christmas (Paramount).

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Christmas Classics

- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer debuted on NBC on Dec. 6, 1964, while A Charlie Brown Christmas first aired on CBC, Dec. 9, 1965, and won an Emmy.

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Box sets for the TV lover

Shut-ins. Long cold winters are best paired with a TV series

RICK MCGINNIS
For Metro

If someone on your Christmas list has asked for a honking fat box set of TV shows or movies, it's because they understand that Christmas isn't just the holly, jolly holiday near the end of the year, but the last time to stockpile entertainment for a long, tedious winter.

The big score this season is undoubtedly **Breaking Bad: The Complete Series (Sony)**, which comes packaged in a little chemical barrel (see picture) with a printed episode guide, something called a "commemorative challenge coin" and an apron from Los Pollos Hermanos, Gustavo Fring's meth-brewing front business. Bonus material includes a two-hour documentary on the show, character profiles of Walt, Hank, Marie, Saul, Jesse and Skyler, and more.

Another cable series that recently completed its run is **True Blood**, which HBO is releasing in a complete series set that includes the secret files of Vamp Camp, and an interactive feature that helps you untangle the complicated relationships between characters both before and during its seven seasons.

For shut-ins of a certain generation, the top of their wishlist is probably occupied by **Pee-Wee's Playhouse: The Complete Series** (Shout Factory), the giddy and abidingly strange "is it really a children's TV show?" that was a favourite of Generation X during its mid-to-late '80s run. All forty-five episodes are here, as well as bonus features on the making of the show, the music, and reminiscences by actors and fans.

If any vintage TV series has an appeal that crosses generations, though, it would be the original **Batman** starring Adam West as the caped crusader. Available piecemeal over the years in often inferior dubs, this is the definitive version from Warner Home Video with all 120 original episodes as they aired between 1966 and 1968. Special features have titles like **Hanging with Batman, Holy Memorabilia Batman! and Na Na Na Batman.**

Fans of British TV will have their weekends colonized by box sets like **Dr. Who: The Matt Smith Years** (BBC) and **Downton Abbey: Seasons 1-4** (PBS) and the **Sherlock** gift set from BBC Home Video that includes all three seasons so far, another disc of special features and a pair of matching decorative busts of Benedict Cumberbatch's Holmes and Martin Freeman's Watson.

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Experience the magic of The Nutcracker

Goh Ballet will bring the performance to life

Take a magical adventure through the Land of Snow to the Kingdom of Sweets with the Goh Ballet's traditional rendition of the classic The Nutcracker.

From Dec. 18-22, the ballet will be brought to life with dancers from across the world set to Tchaikovsky's memorable score performed live by members of the Vancouver Opera Orchestra.

"For the past five years we have made a point of incorporating a variety of artists to keep the production fresh and alive, which is one of the reasons why members of our 10,000-plus audience return year after year," says Chan Hon Goh, director of the Goh Ballet.

The classic masterpiece stars prima ballerina Paloma Herrera of the American Ballet Theatre, playing the role of the elegant Sugar Plum Fairy, which is likely her last performance in Canada before she retires this coming spring.

"Everything about The Nutcracker is magical: The music, the colours, the sets, the costumes, the many different performers and types of dance coming together on one stage," Goh says.

The night will not only be fantastical thanks to Herrera's performance, but the Goh Ballet is taking the opportunity to highlight local Vancouver dancers alongside talent across Canada, Beijing, Russia and more.

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- About 200 performers from across the globe will dance alongside local talent for The Nutcracker.
- The Goh Ballet was established in 1978 and continues to foster the development of innovation and artistic expression.
- The Goh Ballet has achieved international recognition through various competitions wins, including the Prix de Lausanne and the Genée International Ballet Competition.

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It's also one of the largest and best holiday events for families in Vancouver.

"Dance is a universal language, and it's amazing to see that play out on stage with these dancers from all different backgrounds," Goh says. "We are also featuring a variety of styles of dance alongside classical ballet, including Russian folk, acrobatics, gymnastics, and ballroom."

Auditions for the performance were held in May, and rehearsals began in mid-September three times a week and, two weeks before the show, rehearsals will occur daily.

"So it's safe to say we spend hundreds of hours perfecting every element of this production," Goh says.

Buy tickets and learn more about the Goh Ballet's Nutcracker at gohnutcracker.com.

SPORTS 4

Giants to honour life of Pat Quinn

Big Irishman. WHL team envisions celebration being 'a real happy' tribute

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The Vancouver Giants were two days away from the start of a four-game road trip through Alberta when part-owner and hockey icon Pat Quinn died.

The Western Hockey League franchise hasn't yet had its opportunity to properly pay tribute to Quinn, the Big Irishman who left a lasting legacy throughout the hockey world, including Vancouver, where he was revered for his work as a player, then as a coach and general manager with the Canucks, his role with the Giants and the impact he's had on the lives of so many.

The Giants host the Portland Winterhawks at the Pacific Coliseum on Friday, when they will honour Quinn.

The pre-game ceremony includes a banner in Quinn's honour being raised to the rafters.

The Giants will also unveil a new patch on their jerseys and a new logo in the ice paying tribute to Quinn.

The first 5,000 fans through the gates at Pacific Coliseum also receive a commemorative lapel pin.

"Hopefully it's a celebration of what he meant, and still means to the franchise," said majority owner Ron Toigo.

"We're trying to make it a real happy thing, not a sad thing, and show people the humorous side of Pat."

Quinn was a pure hockey mind in the Giants' ownership group and passed along some of his philosophies to Scott Bonner, general manager of Vancouver's WHL team since its beginning.

"Pat just said, 'Believe in your players, believe in your staff and you'll be in a better place,'" said Bonner.

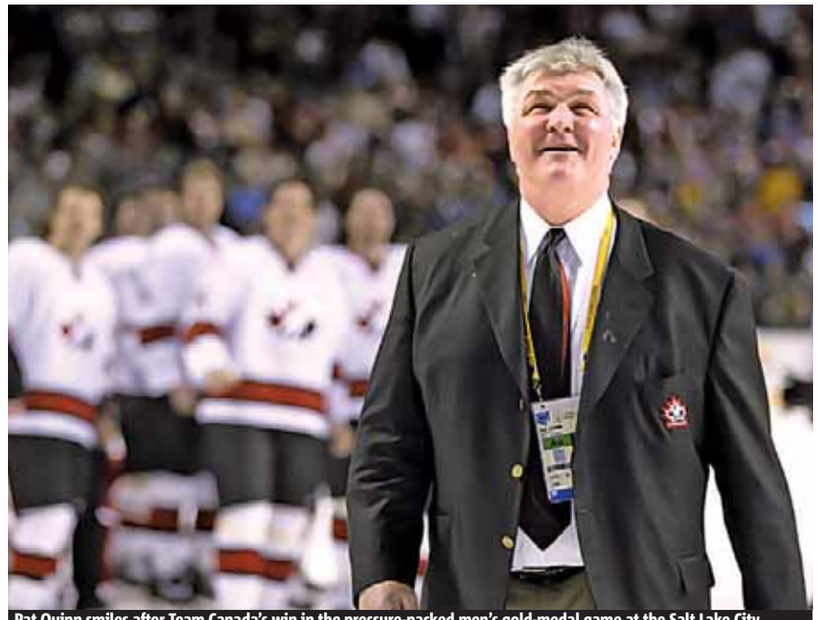
Quinn, while still battling illness, was part of the interview process this summer when the Giants were searching for a new head coach.

Ty Ronning, the son of former NHLer and Canuck Cliff Ronning, said he knew Quinn all his life.

"Pat's like ... another grandpa to me," said Ronning, a first-round pick of the Giants in the 2012 bantam draft.

"We'd talk a little bit about hockey. He'd always comment on how big a heart you have to have.

"It's not about the size. It's about how big your heart is. And he had one of the biggest hearts for one of the biggest players."



Pat Quinn smiles after Team Canada's win in the pressure-packed men's gold-medal game at the Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games in February 2002. BRIAN BAHR/GETTY IMAGES

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"He had one of the biggest hearts for one of the biggest players." Giants forward Ty Ronning on Pat Quinn

NHL

Lack shuts out Pens as Canucks earn 11th road win

Brad Richardson scored two goals and added an assist, and Eddie Lack posted his fifth NHL shutout to lift the Vancouver Canucks to another road win, 3-0 over the short-handed Pittsburgh Penguins on Thursday night.

The Canucks, in the midst of a season-high, seven-game trip, won their league-best 11th road game. Vancouver, which has won five of six overall, beat the Penguins in Pittsburgh for the first time since Nov. 22, 2008.

Shawn Matthias also and added an assist for the Canucks.

Lack stopped 21 shots for his first shutout and second win of the season.

The Penguins, already without several regulars including Pascal Dupuis, Chris Kunitz and Kris Letang, lost another top-line winger when Patric Hornqvist left with an upper-body injury midway through the second after Canucks' D Ryan Stanton hit him with a shoulder at centre ice. Hornqvist didn't return. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canucks goalie Eddie Lack makes a save on the Penguins' Sidney Crosby. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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All-star honour for Elimimian

Second time. Eskimos grab seven spots in CFL all-star team, Olafioye is the only other Lion

The post-season accolades continue to roll in for Solomon Elimimian.

The B.C. Lions linebacker was named to the 2014 CFL all-star team Thursday. The move was hardly a surprise, as Elimimian took home the CFL's most outstanding player and top defensive player awards last month.

Elimimian, the first pure defensive player to win the CFL's top individual honour, had a huge 2014 season with 143 defensive tackles and 151 total tackles, both league records, and added five sacks.

It's the second career all-star nod for Elimimian.

The Edmonton Eskimos had the most nominations to the all-star team with seven.

Running back John White, receiver Adarius Bowman and guard Simeon Rottier were called to represent the Eskimos on the offensive side, while defensive linemen Almondo Sewell and Odell Willis, linebacker Dexter McCoil and cornerback Patrick Watkins were named from Edmonton's defence.

The 2014 Grey Cup champion Calgary Stampeders had five players named to the team, led by star Canadian running back Jon Cornish.

The Lions had one other nomination to the team, four-time all-star offensive tackle Jovan Olafioye.

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Solomon Elimimian tackles the Argos' Mike Bradwell in an August game in Toronto. The CFL's most outstanding player of 2014, Elimimian was named to the 2014 CFL all-star team on Thursday. DAVE SANDFORD/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Rumour was true

Lions approached Dickenson

The B.C. Lions were granted permission from the Calgary Stampeders to speak to Dave Dickenson about the vacant head coaching position, the local CFL club stated via Twitter on Thursday afternoon.

However, according to the Lions, Dickenson will be staying in Calgary, where he is the offensive cordinator and assistant head coach.

"Dave was very gracious regarding the call, but he's made a commitment to (Calgary's head coach and GM John Hufnagel) and the at this time which we respect," said Lions general manager Wally Buono, as per the club's Twitter account.

Dickenson signed a three-year contract extension with the Stampeders in November 2013.

The Lions fired Mike Benevides, head coach in B.C. for the last three seasons, on Nov. 20.

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Saunders' dream is close to reality

Playing for the Blue Jays. Former Mariner, Victoria native and 'proud Canadian' will realize something special in Toronto

Michael Saunders used to daydream about playing for the Toronto Blue Jays. It won't be long before he gets to do it in real life.

A day after Toronto acquired the Canadian outfielder in a deal with the Seattle Mariners, Saunders spoke about getting the opportunity to ply his trade on home soil.

"I think it was more of a storybook ending for me if you would, like, 'One day it would be really cool if I was able to wear a Blue Jays uniform,'" Saunders said on a conference call Thursday.

Michael Saunders GETTY IMAGES

"There's 30 teams and the chances are slim that that would actually happen.

"I'm honoured to be able to wear a Blue Jay uniform and I'm very proud of that."

The Victoria native, who spent 10 years with the Seattle organization, played for Canada at the World Baseball Classic in 2013 and said he understands the burden that comes with playing north of the border.

"I'm a proud Canadian," said the 28-year-old, who cheered for the Blue Jays and Mariners growing up. "If I was to get traded to a team I couldn't pick a better one than Toronto.

"I'm extremely excited to play for the Blue Jays, but it's not just about representing the Blue Jays, it's about representing my country."

Saunders hit .273 with eight home runs and 34 RBIs in 78 games last season while battling joint inflammation in his right shoulder and a strained left oblique.

It's expected Saunders will take over in left field for Melky Cabrera, who declined the Blue Jays' $15.3-million US qualifying offer last month and is a free agent.

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NBA

Injured Gasol may miss Spurs test

Grizzlies centre Marc Gasol has a bone bruise in his right knee and is questionable for Friday night's game against the San Antonio Spurs.

The Grizzlies announced the injury update Thursday.

Gasol hurt his knee Wednesday night in a 105-96 loss at Houston, and he wound up tying his season-low with eight points. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UFC. McDonald keenly awaits result of title bout

Canadian Rory MacDonald finds out Saturday who he will have to beat for the UFC welterweight title.

The 25-year-old from Kelowna, who trains out of Montreal, has been promised the next shot at the winner of Saturday's UFC 181 main event in Las Vegas between champion Johny (Bigg Rigg) Hendricks and No. 1 contender Ruthless (Robbie) Lawler.

Hendricks (16-2) won a unanimous decision over Lawler (24-10 with one no contest) when the two met in March at UFC 171 to fill the title vacated by Montreal's Georges St-Pierre. Hendricks lost a split decision to St-Pierre at UFC 167 while Lawler won a split decision over MacDonald on the same November 2013 card.

MacDonald (18-2) meanwhile, has beaten Tyron (The Chosen One) Woodley and Tarec (Sponge) Saffiedine since Hendricks claimed the crown.

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NHL

Alfredsson bids farewell to hockey

Daniel Alfredsson announced his retirement Thursday sitting in the city he called home for 17 years and wearing one of the last Senators jerseys he ever put on in a game.

With former teammates and his family watching, the Swedish forward, 41, made the announcement at Canadian Tire Centre and thanked the people of Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Boss Cohon to step down in 2015

Life after the CFL will begin in early January for Mark Cohon. The league announced Thursday that Cohon will step down as commissioner Jan. 9 under a mutual agreement between Cohon and the league's board of governors.

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NHL

Brodeur gets the debut Blues

Mike Ribeiro scored a goal and had two assists, and the Nashville Predators spoiled goalie Martin Brodeur's debut with the Blues by beating St. Louis 4-3 on Thursday night.

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Beliveau's playoff stats

A story in Thursday's Metro on Jean Béliveau should have read that the Canadiens great was the all-time leading playoff scorer with 176 points in 162 games at the time of his retirement in 1971.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will be your assertive self today and over the weekend. That's good because you need to let people know you're serious about your ambitions.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Something you have been working hard towards is most likely not worth the effort, but that's OK. Once you accept that, you can make other plans.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The approaching full moon will affect you more than most because it takes place in your sign, and if you get through the next few days emotionally unscathed count yourself lucky!

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You seem to be on the defensive and that's probably no bad thing. Most likely no one is out to get you but it will pay you to be cautious anyway.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You may be easygoing by nature but the approaching full moon warns you need to stay sharp over the next 48 hours. Also, don't say things just to make others feel good .

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Anyone who thinks you lack the killer instinct will have to revise their opinion now that you have a specific target to aim for. Nothing and no one will be allowed to stand in your way.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be rather emotional over the next few days but what of it? The planets indicate your tears are just as likely to be tears of joy as tears of sorrow.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You won't be happy to discover that someone has been digging around in your personal affairs, and quite right too. Not that you've got a guilty conscience but your business is private.

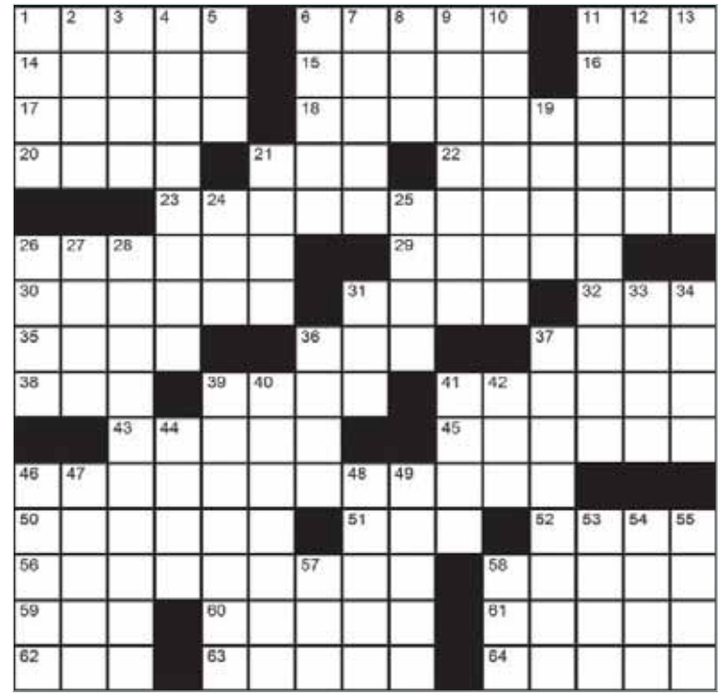
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your main task today is to look rationally at what is upsetting you. Stand back from your personal feelings and ask yourself if it is of any real importance. Most likely it isn't.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Try not to focus on details today because if you do you could miss the bigger picture. You will need to look both far and deep to stay a step ahead of rivals.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Accept that something you've been working on is not going to be the success you envisioned. Chances are though you will be quite happy to call it a day as it frees up time.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may exchange a heated words with someone and the bad feeling will continue into the weekend. It will all be over come the start of next week.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Canadian actress Ms. Follows
6. Cop __ (Bargain in court)
11. Platter mixture
14. Lofty layer
15. Jennifer of "Flashdance" (1983)
16. __ _ hurry
17. Hockey great Mr. Hull
18. Travels across Europe
20. Wrapped garment
21. Outlying
22. Basket-__ sword
23. 1981 prehistoric movie for Canadian actress Rae Dawn Chong: 3 wds.
26. Clues/trail follower
29. Joe Cocker's "You __ __ Beautiful"
30. __ algebra
31. Sea eagles [var. sp.]
32. Non-verbal 'yes'
35. Hosp. readouts
36. 'Tour' suffix
37. Ms. Flynn Boyle
38. Techie erase button
39. Langley and Edwards, e.g., in The States
41. The Water-__ (Aquarius)
43. Basket fibre
45. 'Small Community Big Heart' in Manitoba
46. Blue Rodeo song: 2 wds.
50. Theatre workers
51. "Case of the Ex" songstress
52. __ Sea, in Central Asia
56. Navigation instruments
58. "Hard Sun" by __, aka Canadian musician Gordon Peterson
59. _ __ carte
60. Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
61. BC - Haida Gwaii: UNESCO World Heritage Site, __ Gwaay
62. Ottawa polit.
63. 50 Cent album: 'Get Rich or Die __"
64. Checks

Down
1. Gangster groupings
2. Ian Harding's role on "Pretty Little Liars", __ Fitz
3. Movie-__
4. "__ Roadshow"
5. Butterfly catcher
6. "Dancing Queen" group's
7. Rush drummer Neil
8. Lake: French
9. Manitoba village, 'An Age Friendly Community'
10. Ambitiously aims
11. French-English/English-French book
12. Type of comic book artist
13. __ __ deux (Duet's dance)
19. Planet Melmac alien's
21. Canadian actor Brendan
24. Marathoner Ms. Pippig
25. Countryside sight
26. Wintertime hill ride
27. Admire
28. BC: __ River Falls Provincial Park
31. Feminine suffix
33. Baseball's Mr. Hershiser
34. Challenge
36. "_ __ to differ."
37. ZZ Top song: 2 wds.
39. Draw
40. One using dental thread
41. "Who Let the Dogs Out" by __ Men
42. Earlier, poetically
44. Bit of choreography
46. 1986 Corey Haim film
47. Serenader's song: "_ __ Mio"
48. Ms. Sande of song
49. Actress Cicely
53. Nutrition amts.
54. BTO's "You __ Seen Nothing Yet"
55. Cabin-creating components
57. Knavish
58. 'Capital' suffix

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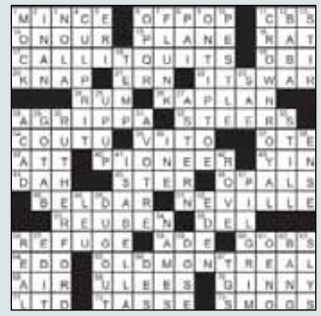

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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1	3	4	8	9	6	5	7	2
7	9	2	3	1	5	8	6	4
2	8	6	7	5	1	3	4	9
9	1	3	2	6	4	7	5	8
4	7	5	9	8	3	6	2	1
5	4	7	1	3	9	2	8	6
8	6	9	5	4	2	1	3	7
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